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High flyer The rise of Richard Branson, from student magazine editor to pop millionaire and cut-price



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Mercy mission Why Britain should lead a 10-year plan to save Ethiopia

Private passions James Fenton reviews the war diaries of Jean-Paul Sartre, published in English for the first time Sticky wicket Can England's cricketers pull themselves together in time for the first Test?

Portfolio

Vesterday's Portfolio prize was shared between Mr Quin Hollick, of Cumberton, Cambridge, and Mr John Barnard, of East Twickenham, London, each receives £1,000. Today's list, page 26; how to play, back page Information Service.

300 killed in Mexico gas blast

More bodies were recovered in the smoking ruins of a Mexico City suburb where more than 300 people died in a devastating gas depot fire. Officials said 2,750 received treatment after suffering serious harms when liquified gas exploded Page 5

Edwardes attack

Swingeing criticism of the standard of British manage-ment, ranging from accusations of cowardice and complacency to inbreeding and deviousness, has been made by Sir Michael

Pilots held

Two British pilots, identified as John Giles Kershaw and Richard Airey, who made an unscheduled landing at a Patagonian airport for repairs, have been detained by the Argentine authorities.

School despair

Teachers told MPs that fiveyear-olds starting school could not form sentences or tie their

Aids epidemic

Aids may affect more than 100,000 people in West Germany, experts say, with about 10,000 expected to die of it in the next six years

Dealer sacked

Moscow's principal gold-trading outlet in the West, the Soviet-owned Wozchow Commercial Bank of Zurich, disclosed that its chief gold dealer has been sacked for alleged irregularities.

Computer snag

The Bank England has revised its computerization plans to edged security market because of technical problems Page 21

Emmy winners

British television programmes swept the International Emmy awards in New York, beating

shows from 24 other nations

Australians lose The Australian Rugby Union team suffered the third defeat of their British tour when they were beaten 19-16 by Llanelli Page 28

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Major changes in social security to come next year

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Legislation to make major changes in Britain's social system is to be introduced by the Government next autumn. Key elements in the changes,

which will take some years to implement and will also involve adjustments to the tax system, are likely to include: Restricting the scope of across the board benefits. An effective means-test for child

benefit is likely, but with a substantial increase on the present rate of £6.50, New measures to protect families in the poverty trap. which cuts the incentive to

Cuts in benefits for young people to encourage them to

take low-paid work. Social security ministers are firm that the exercisee should not be one of cutting the £39.5bn social security budget, which makes up 30 per cent of government spending, but of redistributing the total to concentrate help where it is

They do not see the fact that note for big reductions once the Government's social security

The Government's great British Telecom share sale got

stockbrokers reported the an-

ticipated surge of first-day demand for the share prospec-tus, but would-be investors in

Northern Ireland were turned

away empty-handed from banks

carried the British Telecom prospectus for the first time

have been corrected by today.

forms, even though the closing

The Government and its

merchant bank adviser, Klein-

wort Benson, are encouraging

would-be investors not to leave

their applications until the last

minute by saying that no cheques would be cashed before

the November 28 closing date.

Officials are worried that there

could be delays in processing

the forms if they all arrive in a

rush in the last 48 hours befor

With as many as two million

people expected to apply for shares, the unprecedented size

of the issue already poses

considerable logistical problems

for the six clearing banks where the main counting and proces-

sing of forms is due to take

American economy has cut its

growth rate to the lowest level for nearly two years. The US Commerce Department has

revised its estimate for the third

quarter of this year to an annual

growth rate of only 1.9 per cent

about half the rate projected by

the Reagan Administration's estimate for the coming year as

lower than expected, and only

the offer closes.

and post offices.

Under the timetable now rather than cutting the proestablished, ministers expect to complete the four reviews by the end of this year, with proposals to be put to Cabinet

carly in the new year.

A "green paper with white is expected to set out principles for reform in late February or early March. Legislation will be announced

MAIN AREAS OF SOCIAL SECURITY SPENDING 1984

First-day hitch for

Telecom issue

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

off to a mixed start yesterday. of its staff will be working

snapped up all over the country, pated flood of paperwork. It except in Ulster where they failed to arrive on time.

snapped up all over the country, pated flood of paperwork. It expects to create 100 permanent jobs at Worthing, Sussex, where

Delays in the local distribution system were compounded by fog at Belfast

Delays in the local distriofficial guidance is that people
can deny their banks the
commission if they want to by

national newspapers, which also on their form and initialling it.

yesterday. The shortage of where most analysis expect the

application forms is expected to shares to start trading above the

In London, the banks hand-ling the £3,900 million share Telecom begins on December 3.

issue said there was strong • The Office of Telecommuni-

demand for share forms all over cations (Oftel), the new regula-

the county. By tea-time yester-day more than 1,000 people had body, published 20,000 leaflets

already put in application yesterday asking industry and

date is not until next Wednes- about any alleged unfair trading

Sharp drop in US growth

A sharp slowdown in the has slowed dramatically, from

Mainland banks and City British Telecom's share register

The application forms were overtime to handle the antici

in the Queen's speech next November, but the programme of changes will be gradual.

Battles over spending are expected to be resolved early in the economic (A) committee of the Cabinet, with Mrs Margaret Thatcher rather than the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer in the

their budget emerged largely likely to argue that after the unscathed from the latest spending reductions made since spending round as a promisory 1979, the social security budget Social security ministers are is at a minimal level. Changes should involve ways of using the money more effectively.

Lloyds Bank' announced

yesterday that more than 1,000

will be kept.
The official British Telecom

share information office said yesterday it had a number of

complaints from people who

objected to the commission

their banks would receive. The

There was healthy demand for the prospectuses in the City

130p per share offer price when

the public for information

practices being carried out by

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British Telecom.

gramme as the Treasury would

have not yet been taken. But there is evidence that ministers accept that support for children in families of the long-term unemployed is unacceptably low. A significant increase in child benefit is therefore likely. But the "no extra cost" restraint of the reviews would mean moves to resrict the full rate to

those less well off.

Taxation of child benefit is still a possibility. But a more likely option is to taper it to a minimal level as family income

A key group that ministers want to help is families in low-paid work where the combination of benefits being withdrawn and tax imposed can leave them only marginally or no better off. But benefits for teenagers are likely to be further restricted to encourage them to take low-paid work

Ministers hope to present the changes as a package of principled reforms. While they see no hope of reaching a consensus with Labour on the package, they hope the shape of the changes, if not the detail, may win backing from the Alliance parties.

Thatcher unrepentant

By Anthony Bevins

The Prime Minister said yesterday that she would still have ordered the sinking of the General Belgrano on May 2. 1982 even if she had been told that the Argentine cruiser had reversed course and had been salling away from the British task force for 11 hours.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in a letter to Mr Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow: "No evidence has at any time become available to the Government which would make ministers change the judgment they reached on May 2 that the Belgrano posed a threat to the task force.

She told Mr George Foulkes. an Opposition spokesman, on September 19, that the fact that Belgrano had reversed course at 9 am on May 2 and had been sailing away from the task force for six hours had been reported to Northwood naval headquarters at 3.40 pm. The Belgrano was torpedoed by the submarine HMS Conquereor at

Mrs Thatcher said, however, that because of "clear and unequivocal indications available to the 'Government" that the Argentine Navy posed a real and direct threat, the cruiser's position and course were irrelevant.

She told Mr Dalyell yesterday: "That was why the report that the Belgrano had reversed course was not made known to ministers at the time." Mrs Thatcher was finally informed of Belgrano's course last

The fact that the Prime Minister stands by the war cabinet decision even in hindquestions. Her letter underlines the strength of the intelligence on the intentions of the Argetine Navy - "clear and unvequivocal indications".

Meanwhile, Lord Lewin, Admiral of the Fleet, yesterday tried to damp down the reaction caused by Monday's Commons disclosure by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, that Conqueror's signals log had been destroyed.

Lord Lewin said in a BBC radio interview: "All the documents relevant to the sinking of the Belgrano will be annexed to or referred to in the commanding officers' patrol

on Belgrano

Political Correspondent

to work" Though statistically insignifi-cant, it involves only two pits and 1.000 miners, the Welsh decision is likely to add to the psychological pressures on other coalfield union leaders desper-

Mr David Hunt, coal minister at the Department of Energy, said that increasing number of miners were "voting with their feet" by returning to

Miner killed

work. "Deprived of their democratic right over a ballot,

"Mr Scargill's support is slipping away as increasing numbers of miners become disgusted with a political strike which relies on Libyan pay-masters and Soviet backing. More than 63,000 NUM members are not on strike. More than 10,000 have returned to work over the last two and half weeks, rejecting this tragic, pointless, divisive strike."

The return to work was spread fairly evenly across the coaldeds yesterday, with the exception of South Wales, where the strike is still almost totally solid.

More than 220 men went



In the dock: Two of the defectors ponder their fate as they await registration in Hamburg yesterday; and the Stefan Batory which brought them to freedom,

number of working miners in

the heartland of the conflict to 1,989, and almost 40 per cent of

the 10,000 pitmen in the

"barometer" coalfield of North

Derbyshire have returned to

their jobs, according to the

miners' president, accused the

Government, the coal board.

the judiciary and the police of

using the press and broadcast-

ing organizations to attack and

cripple the mineworkers' union.
"The truth is that over 140,000

miners remain on strike and,

despite the weight and savagery

of the combined assault on our

fight to save pits, jobs and

Transport union leaders last

night promised fresh help to the miners in their campaign to halt

coal imports, and Mr Norman

Willis, general secretary of the TUC, charged the coal board

over its return to work strategy.

that did not touch on his earlier.

controversial condemnation of

prompted South Wales miners

to lower a poose in front of his

face last week. Mr Willis argued

that the present tactics of the

miners to return might change

the nature of the dispute but

"Pushing and paying people to go back will be a long-term

disaster," he said. "I see the

hatred being created and inevitably as each and every

miner goes back, that will last from before primary school to

the grave. To go back under-ground with the labour force

split every way seems to be

lunertic management. Every

miner that goes back means another problem, another de-gree of bitterness."

Coal board spokesman de-

nied the charge, adding: "Mr Willis seems to be implying that

the board is in some way forcing

the men back to work but it is

the men themselves who are

deciding to go back and voting with their feet."

would not solve it.

violence on the picket lines that

In a speech in Birmingham

"lunatic management"

not be defeated." he insisted.

National Coal Board.

North Wales mine leaders end strike

Pit leaders in North Wales abandoned the strike, putting psychological pressure on other coalfields

• The coal minister said miners were becoming disgusted with a political strike "which relies on Libyan paymasters and Soviet backing"

 The TUC general secretary accused the coal board of pushing and paying miners to go back. The strike will leave hatred "from primary school to the grave"

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Leaders of the North Wales back in Yorkshire, bringing the pitmen yesterday became the first area of the National Union of Mineworkers formally to abandon the 37-week-old strike over coiliery closures, and a further 940 men across the industry joined the "drift back

ately trying to staunch the haemhorraging of support for the strike.

Striking miner John Gorman died yesterday after an earth collapse trapped him up to the neck as he dug for coal near his home. Mr Gorman, aged 38, of Milne Avenue, Auchinleck, Ayrshire, and fellow striker William McClelland were dig-ging on an old railway embankwhen it collapsed. Rescuers tried artificial respiration but he died shortly afterwards. Mr McClelland was unhurt Coal digging, back page

they have no alternative," he added.

190 Poles defect from cruise ship From Michael Binyon

Almost a third of the 608 passengers on a Polish cruise ship defected to West Germany during a three-day stopover in Hamburg. The ship continued to Rotterdam, its final destination, without them. About 192 passengers from

the Stefan Batory failed to return when the ship sailed on Monday night, and West Ger-man authorities said 100 had already applied for political asylum, which Bonn is unlikely to grant on the grounds that they do not face political persecution at home. But it will not force them to return and they will be allowed to remain here on tolerance, as are other East European refugees.

Polish tourists frequently seek asylum in West Germany. mostly arriving on ferries from Poland. Last year, more then 700 came here in this way, 500 on one of the regular ferry boats to Lübeck, In December, 36 passengers failed to return to the Stefan Batory after it docked at Hamburg But the latest defection is easily the largest of its kind.

About 600 Poles have applied for asylum in Hamburg this year. They are housed in cheap notels or hostels at state expense Continued on back page, col 5

By Michael Baily Transport Editor Atlantic air fares may still fall by up to £50 before Christmas following President Reagan's dramatic order to the US Justice Department to drop criminal action against British Airways and others for allegedly conspiring to force Laker out of business. While Britain does not regard this more alone as

-Hopes of

£50 fall in

Atlantic

air fares

enough to justify cheap winter fares across the Atlantic – banned by the Department of Transport last month to pressure the US into stopping Laker-type anti-trust cases—talks between the two sides are still continuing and a US delegation is expected in Lundon in a fortnight's time. Meanwhile hopes are high enough among the airlines for them to put together a fresh cheap farcs package to await a new Anglo-US formula.

The President's more was greeted by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday as "very help-ful" and "creating a new climate" for bilateral talks.

-We hope a new agreement can be reached that will permit low fares to be introduced without fear of US anti-trust action" a Department of Transport spokesman added.

Mr Richard Branson, president of Britain's low-cost airline Virgin Atlantic, who had earlier said the "preda-tory" £40 fare cuts proposed by major airlines this winter might drive him out of business and drive him out of business and hinted at Laker-type action. "It all seems a little cosy that in a democracy President Reagan should be able to interfere with the courts in this way to help a state-owned airline like British Airways off the book," he said.

The President's action came as a great relief to British Airways, which said yesterday they were "most grafified", even though it does not protect them from huge damages if the Laker civil action succeeds. Such a possibility still casts a shadow over privatization of BA next spring.

Mr Christopher Morris, the Laker liquidator, said yestercay it appeared President Reagan's action will have no effect on the civil proceedings which have been brought in the interests of Laker Airways' creditors and for no other reason".

But dropping the criminal action does remove the threat of possible imprisonment of British Airline officals in the US and impounding of assets if the Justice Department case had been carried to a successful conclusion.

While there is no direct connexion between the Justice Department's criminal action and Laker's civil action, dropping the former can hardly fail to indirectly affect the latter. Continued on back page, col 5

For those who want more than just decaffeinated coffee.

The taste of Gold Blend, too. decaffeinated PIEDINSTANT DECAFFEINATED CO

Nescafe' and 'Cold Blend' are registered trade marks

to designate Nestle's instant coffees.

industry particularly hard. comma Growth slows, page 21 report. America's economic growth Dentist who earned £225,669 (gross)

By Anthony Bevins **Political Correspondent**

One dentist was paid £225,669 gross earnings under the NHS general dental service last year and another 215 dentists were paid more than £100,000.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of a dentist's gross earnings go on practice expenses, which would reduce the top earners' £225,669 gross income to about £90,000 before tax. Sir Gordon Downey, the Controller and Auditor General, yestrday complained that the £457m service was open to the accusation that it provided "little incentive to dentists to concentrate more on prevention rather than treatment of dis-

case ... and that they place

emphasis on quantity rather than quality of dental work". While there had been a 40 per cent fall in the number of

the boom rate of 10.1 per cent in the first quarter of this year

followed by 6.8 per cent in the

Yesterday's figures were re-inforced by a 7.3 per cent fall in

corporate profits, lower-than-

expected comsumer spending

and a rapid decline in balance

of payments. High interest rates

second quarter.

extractions over the last decade, the annual rate of fillings had remained at the 33 million level, and there had been a threefold increase in the number of crowns to 1,785,000 at a cost of nearly £100m in Britain last year.

The National Audit Office report also questioned the basis calculating fees, "which might be overgenerous". It also questioned the Government's decision not to recover over payments of £29m made to itists in the three years up to 1978-79, and the "adequacy and effective operation" of checks on dentists' estimates

GROSS EARNINGS OF DENTAL PRINCIPALS 1983

Below £20,000 £20,000-£39,999 £40,000-£59,999 £60,000-£79,999 £80,000-£39,999 2100,000 and over 13,282

Dentists' average gross earnings in the last financial year are put at £43,197, which, after deduction of practice expenses for staff, premises, equipment and laboratory work came to an average £17,146 before tax. Many dentists also receive additional income from private

But Sir Gordon reported that there were wide variations in

the published prices for the £100m worth of laboratory supplies charged to the dental service and that officials were mable to assess "the reasonableness of the prices paid by dentist."

He said that the Dental Estimates Board's computer system, used to check claims and expenses, was almost seriously overloaded. "Its capacity limits possible checks on the compatibility and credibility of dentists' claims."

The report also noted that special investigation of high carners was currently confined to those "achieving gross income levels equivalent to more than £120,000 per an-

Chemical spill cloud puts 11 in hospital

A West Yorkshire village of 7.000 people was cordoned off by police last night after a vapour cloud from a chemical leakage drifted into shops and homes.

More than 25 people were overcome by poisonous fumes and taken to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary after a tanker spilled ferric chloride and sodium hypochlorite outside a factory in Slaithwaite. The escaping chemicals reacted with the air to form a thick yellow cloud.

Eleven people were kept in hospital. Firemen dispersed the cloud with sprays.

Edwardes says managers in Britain are cowardly and devious

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

of cowardice and complacency appear in the magazine Chief measure their intellignece, lead-to inbreeding and deviousness, Executive, said there was more ership, drive or any other damn to inbreeding and deviousness, Executive, said there was more crship. Came yesterday from Sir cowardice around than I've thing. Michael Edwardes, the new known in the 18 years I've been chairman of Dunlop and former in Britain. The amount of proven the same of the same

probably one of the most fudge failures and lack of outspoken tirades against performance." management to come from within its own ranks, Sir Michael said that because of Tm more pessimistic about

British management now than I was two years ago. I get the feeling that people are neither frank nor outspoken, that they do things in a tortuous, devious way instead of facing up to the

"I have great sympathy for companies needed crisp and union leaders. They see a sharp leadership rather than to company getting into deep trouble and they apparently the seemed to be part of the oppose any action to put things right. But all the time they are

in the aftermath of the Anglo-Irish summit. Mr Douglas

The Prime Minister reiter-

munities in the province.

the opportunity for advance would be missed if Ulster political parties did not attempt

to reach more acceptable arrangements. That will be missing an opportunity but that

After a statement on the Chequers summit with Dr Garret FitzGerald, Prime Min-

ister of the Irish Republic, Mrs

Margaret Thatcher was criti-

cized by opposition MPs, including Mr Neil Kinnock, the

Labour Leader, for its failure to

But she was most visibly

wounded by the intervention of

Mr John Hume, MP for Foyle

and leader of the Social and

Mr Hume said that Mrs

A man who has spent two

years and 10 months in prison

on remand had his plea for bail

rejected by Northern Ireland's Lord Chief Justice yesterday. Thomas Power, aged 31, has

served the equivalent in North-ern Ireland of a five-year prison

sentence and by the time he is

tried on a murder charge is expected to have served the

same as an eight-year sentence without having being found

guilty.

He has been in custody since February, 1982, on the word of

five informers, of whom three

have retracted their statements.

The evidence of the fourth was rejected by a judge at Belfast

produce tangible proposals.

Democratic Labour Party

is not in my hands", she said.

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

Ireland are to be urged to search conference after the summit

administration for the province, proposals of the New Ireland

series of meetings with local accused her of "paralyzing"

ated in the Commons yesterday, had hoped for the possibility of in response to critics of the more cooperation but what Mr

majority and minority com- being said that firm proposals

But she gave a warning that next summit early next year.

years without trial

From a Staff Reporter

Political parties in Northern Thatcher's remarks at the press

Swingeing critism of the grasp the nettle. But it doesn't made. "We put government standard of British manage- happen." ment, ranging from accusations Sir Michael, whose remarks ful positions, yet nobody tries to

In a remarkable attack, the extent to which managers Sir Michael, who became

chairman of ICL after saving Michael said that because of poor managers it was possible that time had run out for that time had run out for weeks ago. In that time he has instituted a wide-ranging boardroom shake-out. Four directors have been dismissed seven have resigned, the auditors were dismissed after a 50-year association with the company and the give them a sense of security merchant bank advisers remerchant bank advisers re-

British character to act without in swiftly changing business the knowledge of whether circumstances different manhoping like hell that management will be strong enough to before appointments were aged.

Forum, had caused deep and

justifiable anger and contri-

progress.
Mrs Thatcher said that she

are unlikely to emerge from the

Mr Hurd has already begun a

second round of exploratory talks with leaders and last night

met the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist

Mr Power, whose presen-

tation of his own case was

described by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lowry as "excel-lent", argued he should be

released k recause of exceptional

had been in custody,

Party, at Westminster.

gaze from Dublin.

Industry would not be improved until management was stengthened. The first requirement was that managers should be told what was expected of them, followed by encourage-ment to take risks. "The British attitude is that the most terrible thing is to make a mistake. It is

our problems in the UK is our lack of prosperity. We pay managers so badly that they can never save enough money to

Mr Roy Close, director general of the British Institute of Management, said later that with Sir Michael's remarks but

Ulster politicians denies urged to meet

By a Staff Reporter

again for common ground on when she rejected all three main Hurd, Secretary for State for buted little to the objective of Northern Ireland, is to have a peace and stability, and he

Miss Glenholmes fled from a outcome of the summit, her Hume said did not give her desire to find a new political much hope.
framework acceptable to the In Whitehall it is already

Times as a suspect bomber.
Suspicious that the man, who had a tape recorder, was a member of the Special Air Service Regiment, she went to Dublin, where she has been in hiding with friends. Miss Glenholmes now be-

lieves the man, who made the inquiries in the border town where she had been living for 14

Although many people be-lieve that the likelihood of agreement between the parties is as distant as ever, a growing number of Unionist politicians had said that she went into is urging the SDLP to switch its hiding on November 8, three days before the paper printed the report. Accusations that the Before leaving for Westminister Mr Paisley urged the SDLP to take their seats in the report on November 11 had alerted her that Scotland Yard was after her was outrageous, he Northern Ireland Assembly and

realize the only way forward was to talk with politicians from vince.

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made with Dundalk was on November 10, the day before Man held nearly three

warrants to Dublin for the arrest and extradition of Miss Glenholmes. But in the meeting with the reporters she protested her innocence concerning every

before two journalsits was apparently timed to coincide with the ending of the Anglo-Irish summit and to cause embarrassment to both the Irish Government and the police.

circumstances. He wanted bail Claiming that she had not because of the length of time he been in England since she was nine years old, Miss Glen-holmes denied she was a But Lord Lowry, who heard the case at Belfast High Court, member of the Provisional IRA. rejected the application saying he could not be certain Mr Power would turn up for trial. "I am totally innocent, I totally repudiate all charges that the British media, who have already tried me, have made made Mr Power is charged with the against me.

murder of a policeman in Belfast in 1981, membership of the outlawed Irish National Miss Glenholmes said that in 1981, the year of the bombings, she was living and working in

Glenholmes bomb link

Detectives last night poured into the Tallaght district of Dublin after Miss Evelyn Glenholmes, aged 26, who is wanted for questioning by Scotland Yard in connexion with IRA bomb attacks in London in 1981, gave a secret interview to journalists at a

house in Dundalk, county Louth, three days before she was named in *The Sunday*

months, was a reporter.

Mr Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, last night noted that Miss Glenholmes

The first contact the paper publication and two days after she had left town. Scotland Yard has sent nine

allegation. Miss Glenholmes' emergence

night there were no immediate prospects of talks. The machinists, who make seat covers and headrests, have A cursory inspection, a bit of banter, and drivers with the offending goods obediently turn voted to take more indefinite Fired by hot soup from thermos flasks and indignation from 16 years of frustrated claims, Dagenhams women machinists have taken to action in pursuit of a claim for The Transport and General Workers' Union has been seeking meetings with the company, but Ford says no pay picketing the plant as part of a strike that has already cost the

"Any seat covers? Any fabrics?" Lorry drivers enter-

ing the Ford plant at Dagen-ham, Essex, are waylaid by

women in woolly hats and

company £37m at showroom

Production lines at both

Dagenham and Halewood on

Walker on

'state duty'

to find jobs

By Julian Haviland

Political Editor

A call for a new acceptance

by the Government of its

obligations to the unemployed

and for a new effort to promote

employment was made from

within the ranks of the Cabinet

yesterday by Mr Peter Walker,

Macmillan lecture, and using

the former Prime Minister's

language, Mr Walker rejected

the view sometimes heard from his colleagues that the causes of

unemployment lay beyond the

power of a government to solve.

view which was dismissed by

Macmillan in the 1930s as economic Calvinism".

He endorsed, by quoting words written in the 1930s by Mr Macmillan, now Lord Stockton, in his book *The Middle Way:* "It is within the

power of men to arrange the full

employment of their efforts to

increase the production of wealth. Society has not the right

to abandon the individual

because, as a result of faulty

organization, the labour which he is still willing to expend

In his own words Mr Walker

spoke urgently of the spectre of

high unemployment, which had

returned to many parts of Britian. The labour exchange

cannot temporarily be utilized.

Secretary of State for Energy.

warm boots.

until the next pay round. The strikers say their job is sufficiently skilled to entitle

expected to acknowledge their

isolation and vote to return at a

In spite of the notable victory

for a determined management,

Mr Harold Muserove, Austin

Rover chairman, said last night

that he still intends to press

ahead with the High Court

hearing set for Monday against

the transport union, the only one to declare the strike official and defy the High Court order that it should call off the strike

Mr Musgrove told The Times. I did not resort to the courts lightly. We shall continue with the action because of the

considerable amount of damage

"I believe that the evidence

shows conclusively that some of

the mass meetings which

By Clifford Webb

Mr Malcolm Musgrove,

some success in the past to curb

But this former Birmingham Grammar School pupil and Longbridge apprentice who is now 54, has faced the wrath of the unions before

pending a secret ballot.

done to this company

mass meeting today.

Merseyside have been stopped

by the company's 270 machin-

ists since the end of last week.

vehicles and the lay-off of

nearly 10,000 workers. Last

resulting in the loss of 6,800

"Two years ago they promised us that our skill would be recognized and like lambs we believed them" leaflets thrust grievances can be discussed into the hands of anyone Court battle set as

them to Ford's grade C rates,

worth £127.18 a week, plus £7.97 attendance bonus. Their

present B grade gives them £121.33 plus £7.60. The women

have lodged an appeal against an industrial tribunal finding

that their work was not of equal

value to similar functions

The pickets at Dagenham

yesterday emphasized that making seat and headrest

carried out by men.

covers is a tricky job.

Pickets waiting to search lorries outside Ford's Dagenham plant yesterday. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Women machinists halt Ford supplies

By Patricia Clough and Barrie Clement

Austin men go back

The 16-day strike in Austin supposedly called for a strike Rover car factories collapsed were rigged and I owe it to the yesterday when mass meetings majority of our employees to do at two Cowley plants voted something about that. They are

overwhelmingly to return to clearly being led into strikes work.

work. they do not want. Secret ballots
Workers at Longbridge, the are the only fair way of deciding only plant still on strike, are such crucial issues as a man's

livelihood."

Workers have been crossing

bers since the strike began on

were back at their benches.

shop stewards and voted over-

whelmingly to return last night.

convener, refused to say if he

would recommend calling off the strike at the mass meeting

planned for today.

Musgrove: new hard man

of the car industry

About 5,200 Longbridge

Did not Mr Rex Sparling, a management representative, tell the Euston industrial tribunal that their work could be done by a load of bananas, and even his wife could do it? No. Mr Sparling insists. Yes, Ms Pamela Parker, who was there replies.

Mrs Teresa Taylor said the

women were picketing round the clock to prevent substitute covers arriving from the continent. Some management sources

believe it is up to the union to persuade their members to abide by the normal negotiating procedures and that the dispute could therefore continue for at

Power cuts warning by GLC

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

The Greater London Council said yesterday that there would be power cuts in January unless the Government became much more aggressive about moving coal stocks to power stations. The Labour-led council spent more than £1,500 on a report prepared by its industry and employment branch.

November 5. By Monday night 15,000 of the 28,000 workers "The prospects for electricity consumers are determined not just by the levels of coal stocks. But the breakthrough came but by where those coal stocks are," Mr Michael Ward, chairyesterday when mass meetings of more than 7,000 employees man of the council's industry at the Cowley body and assembly plants defied their and employment committee, said at County Hall yesterday.

"It is useless having stockpiles of coal if they are not where they can be burnt. If there is no change, stocks outside the Midlands will be exhausted by January."

workers, more than half the plant's labour force, crossed picket lines yesterday, but Mr Jack Adams, the plant's union Mr Ward predicted that consumers would have to pay more, whatever happened to stocks. Council staff had calculated that if the whole cost of the strike was thrown on to consumers in one year, the average household bill in London would go up by 15 per cent, or £31.

● The National Coal Board recorded a total of 940 miners returning to work yesterday, but a fault in their telephone reporting system resulted in incomplete regional figures. Those available were: Scotland. 140; North-east, 260; North Yorkshire, 47; South Yorkshire, 130; Doncaster, 21; Barnsley, 31; Western, 90; South Wales, 17; North Derbyshire, 145; South Midlands (incl Kent), 20; Coal products plants, 25.

Pledge to hold gas prices

Gas price increases should be held in line with the rate of inflation for the next three or four years, Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of the British Gas Corporation, told MPs yester-

Although the cost of obtainng supplies from North Sea fields was increasing at about 10 per cent - double the inflation rate - that would be offset by savings in "non-gas costs", he told the House of Commons Energy Select Committee.

AUEW to **ballot** members on state cash Britain's second-largest union

vesterday broke ranks with the rest of the labour movement and decided to ballot its members on whether to accept state aid for election of officials. Mr Terry Duffy, moderate

president of the million-strong Arnalgamated Union of Engin-eering Workers (AUEW), said the move would save the union about £500,000 a year, The decision was taken by

five votes to three of the Union's executive. Mr Duffy ruled that the usual nine to aix majority should not apply and that a simple majority would The move will attract univer-

sal opprobrium from the rest of the movement except for the Electrical, Electronics Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU) – with a rightwing leadership - which had already made a policy decision

already made a policy decision to accept government money.

The AEUW now spends about £500,000 a year on electing its officials and, as payments can be retrospective, stands to receive about £1m from the Government ballots held since 1980.

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Earl's divorce case postponed A £1 m divorce case involving

Lord Cassillis, heir to an estimated £25m family fortune, and his wife, Lady Cassillis, was postponed at the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday.

It will be heard some time next year because two women cited were not told until last weekend of their involvement in the case. The judge ruled they had not been given enough time to seek advice and legal aid.

Fire damages siege bureau

Fire yesterday damaged the former Libyan People's Bureau building in St James's Square, London, scene of last April's 10day siege.
The London Fire Brigade

said there was nothing sus-picious about the fire, which investigators said may have been caused by faulty electrical equipment. Firemen had to break into the building, left empty after the siege.

Secret trial

Eight Servicemen were committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court yesterday after a four-week hearing, most of it held in private. The offences are alleged to have taken place while the three soldiers and five airmen were working for 9 Signal Regiment on Cyprus.

Mars bar safe

Scotland Yard yesterday confirmed that an a contaminated Mars bar was safe. The Animal Liberation Front had claimed to have tampered with a large number of Mars bars in protest at the company's use of monkeys in dental experiments.

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Two suspended

Detective Constable Richard Chapman and Detective Sergeant Kenneth Day of Scotland Yard Flying Squad have been suspended from duty pending investigation of allegations on Granada TV's World in Action programme that they forced a man to organize an armed robbery to entrap a suspect.

Royal visit

The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday visited Mr Norman Tebbit and his wife in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire, where they are recovering from their Brighton

The BBC has lodged its application for increased tele-

Licence plea

vision licence fees from next April with the Home Office. It is thought to be seeking a colour fee of between £60 and £70. Narrow interest

A house in Goldhawk Road.

Sheperds Bush, which at just 6ft is reputed to be the narrowest building in London, was sold for £33,000 at auction yester-

Murder charge

Patrick Joseph Reilly, aged 23, of Anson Road, Tufnell Park London was charged yesterday at South Western Magistrates Court, Brixton. with the murder of Leonie Damley, aged seven and remanded in custody until November 29.

vegans that there would be livestock in Europe. more food for the world's hungry if everyone gave up cating meat were totally erroneous, Dr David Bellmay, the naturalist and broadcaster, said in London.

launch the British Veterinary Association - Animal Welfare Foundation, which is appealing for £1m for a public education campaign.

Zoos also offered the only hope of saving other threatened

Italian viola sets record at £129,600

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

An Italian viola made by Giovanni Paolo Maggini of Brescia about 1600 was sold at Christie's yeterday for £129,600, topping all previous auction prices for a viola. It is the kind of price normally reserved for Stradivarius, but the viola predates him and experts describe its sound as a revelation of what had been achieved before his day. It appears to be the only instrument of the early Brescian school to have survived unaltered in superb Antonio Stradivari was also

represented in Christie's sale with a violin which has belonged to the nineteenth century collector Oscar Mez and sold for £167,400 (unpub-lished estimate £80,000-£100,000) and sold to J. & A. Beare, the London dealers. It is thought to date from about 1730 and has survived in very good condition, another splendid playing instrument. The musical instrument sale totalled £466,280 with 9 per cent unsold.

(estimate £22,000-£25,000) to manders. Spink and Son.

Alliance candidates Alliance leaders Mr David selection should be allowed Steel and Dr David Owen last where there is strong pressure

night agreed on a package of measures to increase cooperation between their parties and spearhead their campaign for

election, and plan to appear together more often. Dr Owen also seems to have shifted some ground in his strong opposition to joint selection of parliamentary candidates by Alliance constituency parties. The decisions came after a

meeting last night of the influential joint leaders advisory group at Westminster.

Dr Owen appears have have been convinced that joint

both parties.

he would agree to it only in exceptional circumstances. leaders say: "joint selection may

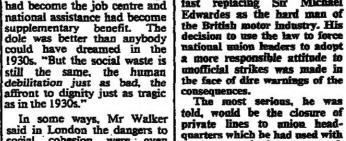
cannot be widespread." The two leaders hope that

for it from the grassroots of He was opposed to the process, and made it clear that

In a joint statement, the two be undertaken in exceptional circumstances, where helpful and appropriate, as was done in the European elections, but

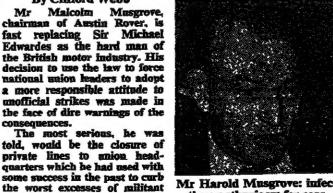
yesterday's meeting will help them get away from controversy over internal mechanisms, and take the Alliance message to the electorate.

the name of Lord Stockton, who is the Young Conservatives' life Geoffrey Smith, page 4 patron.



said in London the dangers to social cohesion were even greater. Some of Britain's blackest unemployment was where the British were black. "A generation of black youngsters is growing up, most of whom have never known work. What problems we are storing up for the future."

Yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the dismissal of Mr Derek "Red Robbo" Robin-Mr Walker, as national president of Young Conserva-tives, was asked to give the inaugural lecture established in son, the single most powerful shop steward in Britain. Mr Musgrove made the original mmendation that he should dismissed



tious enthusiasm for cars He was the union convener at

Longhridge and chairman of the unofficial British Leyland Combined Shop Stewards Committee, which claimed to represent 100,000 car workers.
Mr Musgrove's biggest asset,
which welds his management team into one of the most close knit and loyal in the industry, is his infections enthusiasm for

Flying Squad threatened by revamp at the Yard would retain its internal inspec-

Scotland Yard yesterday unveiled plans for a radical reorganization of London's police which would cut 40 police which would cut 40 closer to local people "rather senior posts and reduce the than at Scotland Yard, which is thousands of headquarters staff.

christie's also scored a new demise of the famous Flying because the London force Squad. It and other specialist lacked "a shared purpose": demise of the famous Flying auction price record for the groups, including traffic, dogs, spent too much energy on insignia of a British order, when and mounted police, could be organization and not enough on the most exalted Order of the moved from the Yard to the serving the public; roles were Star of India" sold for £32,400 control of local police com-

supported by the Home Office, Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said it meant policing decisions would be taken remote from local feeling".

He said the plan was needed overlapping, and the Yard was too large and powerful. It Aunouncing the plan, which accounts for 19 per cent of the Once the plan is realized, in

two years, the Yard would be streamlined so that a single section dealt with policy on policing areas of London while a second covered specialist Squad, Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Groups and national functions such as the Interpol

The plan is likely to meet internal opposition, including among middle-ranking officers,

where job cuts are to be made. Natural wastage will remove 20 of the 56 commanders and 20 of the 207 chief superintendents. The plan will split London into eight police areas instead of the present four. One area will consist entirely of the City of Westminster, which has special

public order Each area will have about

of a deputy assistant com-missioner. Sir Kenneth said the shape of the areas, which in most cases stretch from the inner city to suburb, had been based on many factors. At present London, below

area organization, is split into 24 districts, headed by commanders, which in turn divide into 75 divisions. In future the layer of districts will be removed so that command will run from the deputy assistant commissioner and his deputy, a commander, straight down to

Vegetarian 'nonsense' world to feed intensively raised

Vast areas of land, such as the steppes of central Asia, and savannahs of South America and the veldts of Africa should anything except grass. By the same token it was nonsense to transport grain and other of savi feedstuffs half way round the species.

Dr Bellamy was speaking at the opening of a confrence to

He said that hunting, shooting and fishing kept large areas of upland Britain economically viable, and grouse, partridge never be used for growing and pheasant would no longer exist without management.

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Liberation Army and three Owen softens line on

the next election. They are to set up a joint leaders' office well before the

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

The plan could mean the

policing such as the Special Branch, Drugs Squad, Serious Crimes Squad, Anti-Terrorist Two other sections would

cover personnel, training and

management services. The Yard

policing problems ranging from the security of Parliament to

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Teachers' despair over children of five who cannot tie shoelaces

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

the age of five are unable to string words together to form sentences, MPs were told

their shoe laces or get dressed. ation which has 90,000 mem-Mrs Heather Ryan, a primary school teacher in Scunthorpe, primary and middle schools. Humberside, told the House of Humberside told the House of Mrs Evelyn Whaley, a Commons Select Committee on teacher at Antisford First Education that 12 children out School in North Tyneside, said of her class of 22 were not able that many women thought they to put words together.

She said she had to spend a buttoned up their children's lot of time teaching them how clothes and shoes for them. to go to the lavatory by

an hour to prepare for a need educating physical education lesson which lasted 20 minutes, and three-from Billingham primary school quarters of an hour after that to in Lincoln, gave an example of

he was "desperately in love" to

The Rev Peter Renoul, aged

54. Rector of Farnborough,

Hampshire, admitted two

charges of causing damage to a

car brakes with intent to

endanger the life of Mrs Judith

Beatt, aged 44, a speech therapist, of Whyke Road,

Mrs Beatt's garage and stealing

a warranty book, and asked for

two other theft offences to be taken into consideration. As a

condition of probation, Mr

Justice Stocker ordered Mr

Renouf to continue psychiatric

treatment he has been receiving

Mr Richard Brown, for the prosecution, said Rev Renouf, who is married with four

children, had conducted a

frightening three-month cam-

paign against Mrs Beatt when

she refused to see him any

brakes of her car, let down the

rear tyres, made anonymous calls to her home and sent

cryptic, unsigned notes and a

newspaper with articles about

car crashes and devil worship

Britain's one million single

parents and their 1,700,000

children are the target of a

package holidays sales drive by Global, the tour operator

Global, the tour operator subsidiary of Great Universal

Stores. It claims to be the first

of the big operators to mount a concerted drive for this emerg-

by Global, offering about 30,000 holidays, all with child reductions running throughout

the 1985 summer season. Reductions for children are

common by many tour oper-

ators but usually there is the

lt will mean not only competitive pricing for single parent families but will offer a

chance of meeting like-minded

people, Mr Tony Le Masurier,

Global's marketing director, said. He added: "Although price is a very relevant consideration

the holiday.

A separate brochure for single

parents was launched yesterday another holiday

condition that two adults go on (Our Transport Editor writes).

is a very relevant consideration we know that companionship lift equipment to do the work.

Car phone rivals for BT

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Lechnology.

An indication of the battle for this new market came vesterday in an announcement of agree in an announcement of agree expanded to 1,500 subscribers a

He twice tampered with the

Chichester, West Sussex.

Sussex, yesterday.

on probation for two years at terror". Lewes Crown Court East

Terror campaign of

the spurned rector

An Anglican clergyman who admitted cutting the car brake rested him after Mrs Beatt

punish her when she ended a that his actions were "the

five-year relationship, was put products of stress, anxiety and

he said.

church

He also admitted entering is crippled with polio, told the

Tour operator aims at

one-parent families

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Clinical

pipes of a woman with whom heard a noise in her garden.

Children starting school at get ready again. This is ridicu- why children were not learning lous. I was not trained to do at home. A pupil put his foot in that."

at home. A pupil put his foot in the air and said "shoe". The Mrs Ryan was giving evi- message he wanted to convey vesterday. Many cannot go to dence on behalf of the Assistant the lavatory unaided, or tie Masters and Mistresses Associtied, but at home he was not

were better mothers if they

"They coddle their children themselves, how to wash their and do not realize they are hands or put on an item of doing them a disservice", she clothing. said. "They think they are being "It took me three-quarters of good caring mothers. Parents said. "They think they are being

Mr Jim Mulcahy, teacher

Renoul later told the police

"I am desperately in love

The two first met through a

discovered he had been at

Cambridge with her husband

and the families became friends.

court: "He is slowly realising the enormity of what he has

done. My support for him will

Peter Renouf: Cut car brakes

others in a similar situation is

Global will aim at providing inimum number "social

groups" for the single-parent families at holiday hotels. If

fewer than a half dozen such

families have booked a particu-lar holiday they will be offered the chance of a change to

gramme to cope with booming traffic across the Channel was

announced by Townsend Thor-

esen, the leading cross-Channel

car ferry operators, yesterday

the superstructure of four existing Townsend Thoresen

ferries and insert a complete

new deck for cars, coaches and lorries. The £30m conversion

will be carried out in Germany

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It includes an operation to lift

A £100m expansion pro-

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with her, and I was devasted by

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learning that. Nor was he bers, of whom 8.000 teach in learning language. The committee, chaired by

Sir William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for Wokingham, was surprised by the

 Mr Robert Key, Conserva-tive MP for Salisbury, suggested that primary school pupils should be taught about the hazards involved in alcohol.

one local education authority.

One local education authority.

had those on the primary curriculum and he said he was talking to his own authority, Wiltshire, about it.

societies

By Our Commercial

Wide-ranging statutory safeguards to ensure that building societies do not abuse their market power as they extend the scope of their services were called for yesterday by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director Genreal of Fair Trading.

Calling for a new building societies Act, he said: "Because of the evident dangers of societies acting anti-competitively and because of the conflicts of interest that could arise if the societies provide a wider range of services a

While societies are competing more strongly with banking style services, the Building Societies Association has rec- Church, and Dr Harbhajan ommended that societies should be allowed to do a number of things precluded by the Build-ing Societies Act. The societies want to provide a one-stop service covering insurance, surveying and conveyancing. A green paper, which is dis-cussion, has broadly welcomed

ing in London to the City branch of the Institute of Public Relations, said that building societies must not make the grant of a loan contingent on the use of their other services. Since the effectiveness of

various services provided by building societies being seperately and transparently priced so and the opportunity to mix with that costomer can compare the cost of using the services of a building society with the charges of an independent surveyou, solicitor or insurance

> Sir Gordon drew attention to the "unusual contractual right" of a society to put up rates to borrowers at any time when it wa not easy for an existing borrower to pay off the loan and raise a mortgage elsewhere. Perhaps the new building societies Act ought explicitly to allow this to happen without penalty."

Warning of risk to children by VAT on shoes

An all-party group of MPs hopes to see Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, after widespread reports that he is considering extending the tax to childrens footwear.

Foot health specialists, shoe

Reform call on building

Editor

number of rules need to be spelt

the proposals.

Sir Gordon, who was speak-

competition depends on adequate information being made available to customers, especially on prices and charges,

I would expect to see the

The imposition of Value-Added tax on children's shoes would lead to 1,800 job losses and cause a serious increase in deformed feet in future years. the footwear industry said

Competition is developing developed by British Telecom for the new type of car relephones and portable pocket phones made possible by the development of cellular radio devised by L. M. Ericsson of technology

manufacturers and fitters held a press conference in the House of Commons and gave warning of the potential damage to industry and the cost to the health service if their warnings are ignored. The Treasury has estimated that imposing the tax would raise £50m a year but the trade says it would be only

ment between the Automobile cell if demanded. Association and Racal to The British Telecom-Security Association and Racal to provide a service from next cor Cellular Radio system starts a London-wide network, called car. The AA-Racal system will be competing with one being Cellnet, in January.

UK sued over import labels From Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, Luxembourg

laws by insisting that certain goods, such as footwear, clothes and cutlery, be marked with their country of origin.

European countries, namely Irish Republic, the European Commission is suing the Government on the ground that its regulations prohibit free trade and put importers of those goods at a disadvantage.

The case, with implications for consumer rights, is being heard by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. The Commission is contesting the legality under article 30 of the EEC treaty of a statutory instrument which came into force in January, 1982. Under it, labels of the country of manufacture must be

footwear and cutlery. Mr Richard Wainwright, for the Commission told the 11 After complaints from other judges that the Commission propean countries, namely regarded the United Kingdom West Germany, France and the order as "a disease which has to be contained and stamped out wherever it appears".

"The Commission's view is concerned to know that it would be extremely products were made. dangerous if origin marking were to spread to other sectors and other countries."

It would pose enormous difficulties in the case, for instance, of motor vehicles where different components were manufactured in differrent countries and "goes right against the view of the Com-

mon Market". The order applied to all

The Government was accused attached to four groups of goods, but was really aimed at yesterday, of breaching EEC goods: clothing and textiles, imports, Mr Wainwright said, domestic electrical appliances,

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case, Mr Robin Auld, QC, said that consumers had a right to know a product's country of origin. The four categories of goods were those that opinion polls, conducted before the order was brought in, indicated that the public was most

They did not represent markets that the Government wanted to protect; they would include for instance, Italian shoes, French clothes, and German electrical appliances which arguably had just a strong markets in Britain as home

The court's decision expected next Easter.



Winter visitor: The Sir Arthur Gouge, a Short Sunderland flying boat built in Belfast in 1944, landing on the Medway yesterday on her way to a sheltered berth at Chatham dockyard. The flying boat has been moored at Calshot, near Southampton, but, to

misconduct by issuing signed

blank prescription forms for their receptionists to fill in, the

General Medical Council was

Three doctors found guilty of

serious professional misconduct told the council's professional

conduct committee that they

followed the prescription poli-

cies operating when they joined

their practice near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Dr Amrit Khanna, of South-

gate Road, Dr Johananda

Baruah, of Eastlands Lane, Old

told yesterday.

Doctors guilty of signing

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Doctors could be guilty of Singh, of Southgate Road, all in

Warsop, are in practice at a health centre in Church Street,

Warsop. They admitted regu-

larly issuing prescriptions between 1974 and 1982 and

delegating the work of a registered doctor to people

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Dr Singh said: "I have come

ledge and skill.

remain in good condition during winter, has to be under cover Hundreds of people turned out to see her arrive on the Medway where

and built Sunderlands in Rochester Mr Malcolm Moulton, vice-presishe may remain as a tourist attraction and memorial to the work of Short Brothers, the company which designed

dent of the Medway branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society, one of those who arranged the scheme, said he was delighted at the flying boat's arrival. (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Abortion increase after Pill linked to cancer

Abortions in England and Wales rose by more than 1,400 reports last October linking long-term use of the contraceptive pill to breast and cervical cancer. The reports, which were unconfirmed by some later studies, led the Committee on Safety of Medicines to advise women to take the pill with the lowest hormone content

across pre-signed prescriptions before. It is faily common." He But figures published by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys yesterday suggest that some women ignored The committee postponed for advice not to stop taking the a year any action against the pill before seeing their doctors, and became pregnant.

Abortions on women resident in England and Wales in the first quarter of this year, three to five months after the reports were published, rose by 1.157 to 34,914, up 3.4 per cent on the same period in 1983.

The biggest increases came in the age groups where the pill is most popular, with abortions in the 20 to 24 age group rising by more than 8.4 per cent, up 858 to 10,114. There were smaller increases of 300 in the 16 to 19 age group and of 268 in women aged 25 to 29. Abortions in all other age groups, including girls aged under 16, fell, the figures

Comedian's widow clear in drink drive case

Two drink driving charges were dropped against Mrs Gwen Cooper, the widow of comedian Tommy Cooper, when she appeared at Acton Magistrates Court yesterday.

Mrs Cooper, aged 63, admitted driving without due care and attention, but charges of driving with excess alcohol in her blood and driving while unfit through drink, were untit through drink, were dropped when Mr John Hillen, for the prosecution, offered no evidence.

Mrs Cooper was fined £100

The accident happened outside Mrs Cooper's bome in Chiswick, west London four months after her husband's death.

Mr Hillen said Mrs Cooper was trying to reverse her Mercedes car from a tight parking position when she hit an Austin Allegro parked behind. She struck the Allegro a second time and then reversed ner own car into a tree.

The Mercedes was a write-off and the other car extensively damaged, the court was told.

Mr Lawrence Kershen, for the defence, said that on the day of the accident Mrs Cooper was still experiencing a profound sense of loss and grief. Added to that, a firm of auctioneers had come to the home to remove her late husband's treasured

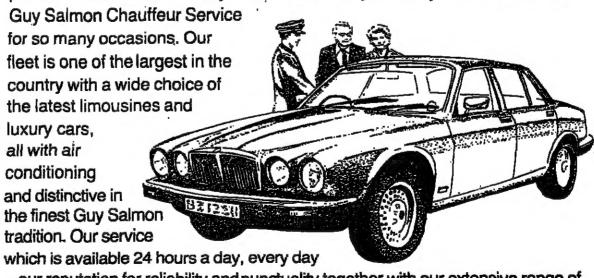
"They represented her husband's work and represented their life together", Mr Kershen

"She had helped to build many of the props and knew what each one was for. As her husband's working tools were being carried past her living room window she became more and more distraught,

Mr Kershen said Mrs Cooper had lunch after the auctions left and took a couple of drinks "but not such to put her over

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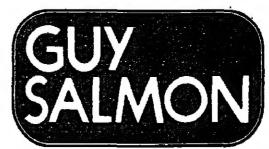
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Scargill intransigence costs 30,000 jobs

COAL DISPUTE

A total of 30,000 workers in other industries had lost their jobs through the miners' strike and the intransigence of Mr Arthur Scargill, Mr Tom King, Scaretary of State for Employment, stated in the Commons when questioned about the side effects of the dispute. Some 10,000 of these were in ancillary industries and another 20,000 in associated industries, he added.

He considered that if they could get an end to this "extremely damaging" dispute then along with the fall in interest rates there would be an encouraging prospect for

Questioned on the jobless situation. Mr King said the latest figures showed the number of October 11 totalled 3.225,000.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Tab) commented: If the fiddled figures are added on, there are more than four million people struggling when there are all those people

without a job, there are more than 350 MPs - mostly Tories, SDP and If workers can be put in legal straitjackets, it is high time there was a law passed to insist MPs only

Mr King: I am never quite sure what people are trying to prove by arguing about the particular level of the figures. Whether it is four million or 3.225,000, the present level of unemployment is far too

Our concern is to ensure that we create the maximum number of new jobs. He will have been pleased to see that last week I announced for the first time for some months that we recorded an increase in the numbers employed in manufacturing industry which in September increased by 13,000.

I know every MP will share with me satisfaction at the increased number of people going back to work in Balsover. I am pleased to say 1.785 of his constituents are

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C): Is any study being made into the number of people rendered unemployed by striking. ither by themselves or by others? Is that number not significant? Mr King: Two factors have led to

disappointments: the rise in interest rates; and these are now 24 per cent below where they were in July, and the effect of the miners' strike. The latest figures I have for the impact of the miners' strike - and miners' jobs originally - is that in the ancillary industries directly the leadership of the NUM, which 10,000 people have lost their jobs as

The destruction of £250,000 worth

of public property at the National

Coal Board computer and seological centre was an act of vandalism, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said

during Commons questions to her

It was an attempt (she continued)

to destroy other jobs by destroying the equipment with which people worked, and an attempt to destroy

the possibility of doing important

The matter would be pursued by the police and she hoped people would be brought before the courts

Mr Ian Lloyd (Havant, C),

chairman of the Select Committee of Energy, had said the destruction

had caused grave concern through-out the country. Probably no single

step had done more damage to employment prospects in the coal

mining industry.
What steps (he had asked) are

being taken to ensure that Mr Scargill's Visigoths are not allowed

or encouraged to continue this kind

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool,

of the Government to smash the trade union movement by pursuing

policies of mass unemployment, by destroying local democracy and by destroying the living standards of

reducing the living standards of working people and their families, will not be achieved.

Mrs Thatcher: What is reflecting

hadly on the trade union movement

and the persistence in using violence to extend the strike when it would

research on geological matters.

VANDALISM

on the mining dispute.

Thatcher condemns

equipment attack

20,000 in associated industries. That has been the effect on

Mr John Brown (Winchester, C): Will be confirm that in the past year over 250,000 people are now in jobs created within the British economy? As the world economy has been in such a state of recession, does this not reflect very well on the enterprise policies of the Govern-

of Mr Scargill

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): The tragedy of this dispute is that we could with a

reduction in uneconomic pits have expansion of the coal industry with benefits to those who supply the mining industry and use its products and to the miners

Mr King: I agree. Some people most closely involved with the industry do not seem to believe in its own

I have a friend in the American

coal industry. (Prolonged Labour interruptions). During this dispute he has been selling orders. These orders could have been for British

coal to the advantage of British miners if only there was courage and

determination.

In the first nine months of this year 15.8 million working days were

lost through work stoppages due to industrial disputes, and four fifths

of these lost days were due to the mining dispute, Mr Peter Bottom-ley, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions. These were provisional figures, he

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab) said that 1984 would see twice

the number of working days lost through industrial action in compa-

In the subsequent years (he said) we have had three pieces of industrial relations legislation from

this Government. Does he see these lost days as a sign that that legislation had failed or does he believe it is a sign of success, because this Government is about

causing chaos in industrial re-

Mr Peter Bottomley: Except for the

mining dispute, days lost are down, and that dispute is a result of a union not listening to its members

and not asking them before going on

● Later Mr King also told Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) that he had no meeting planned with the

Mr Adley: In view of the political

try to improve the

Labour fears forced sale

of new town assets

would it not be appropriate for

relationship between them? Mr King: I meet the TUC and

NEW TOWN BILL

market place" for Britain's new

towns was held out by Mr lan Gow.

Minister for Housing and Construc-tion, in the Commons when he

moved the second reading in the

ommons of the New Towns and

Urban Development Corporations

The measure is designed to help

completion and subsequent winding up of the new towns programme in England and Wales. It authorizes

extra money for urban developmen

corporations and provides for the

ending of the New Towns Com-mission for the new towns which

were brought in to ensure urban

Mr Gow told MPs that the

distinguished from others by the continuing presence of a dominant

continuing presence of a command public sector landlord. The Government believed that when these towns reached substantial completion they should have a thriving

property market. This would introduce the magic of the market

as soon as possible on the three North East new towns and on

whether to keep to December 31.

1985 as the target date for winding

them up. These were Aycliffe, Feterlee and Washington. Much remained to be done in the other

English new towns - Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Runcorn, Telford

nder review the extent to which the

development to a high standard.

the miners' strike.

Labour Government in 1978.

with the last year of the

Mr King: We are the only country in Europe which has had a significant increase in jobs this year, with 250,000 more people at work than at this time last year.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment. (Hull East, Lab): In 12 months he has presided over an increase of over 3.000 a week in unemployment. Can

Mr King: Unemployment has risen during the year in which I have had the privilege to hold this responsi-bility. I regard it as very serious. It has not gone up as fast as in the time of his former leader. Mr Michael In terms of prospects for

employment, instead of giving unequivocal support from one platform to the miners' dispute. little more of the canniness of his Later, Mr King told Mr Ronald

Davies 'caerphilly, Lab) that the vast majority of the country had been completely unaffected by the working routine. It has however (he added) undoubtedly caused real hardship in particular areas and lost a significant number of jobs, especially in companies closely associated with the coal industry. Mr Davies: In the South Wales coalfields for every one working miners there are still 200 on strike. There will never be a complete return to work unless there is a negotiated settlement. What steps

does his department intend to take to bring about a resumption of Mr King: I am surprised Mr Davies stood up in the House on the issue of the miners' starike without any omment on the behaviour shown to the General Secretary of the TUC (Mr Norman Willis) when he tried

to bring home a few home truths.

If Mr Davies believes that negotiations were the way to solve this dispute, it is a great pity we did not hear his views a little earlier. Mr David Sumberg (Bury South, Cl: Many of my constituents in the paper industry are suffering as a result of the dispute. Paper mills are having to pay more for energy. The longer the dispute continues, the greater the threat to their jobs.

Mr King: An unattractive feature of
the leadership of the NUM, which

be far better for everyone concerned

Mr John Ward (Poole, C): Would she reflect on the decision of the leadership of the NUM to seek

financial assistance from Libya and

the Soviet Union? Is it not assonishing that unions which

help from countries where there are

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East,

C): Will she congratulate the British

Steel Corneration on the hope

improvement in their production

and financial performance, despite

As BSC moves towards financial

break-even, will she make a going of

congratulating the work force, the management, the present chairman

and the past chairman, who I think

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, gladly. Those who work in BSC know full well

that in order to keep their jobs they

have to keep their customers. They are doing that and serving them well

in spite of the difficulties placed on them by a fellow trade union.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry, South

East, Lab): The £4,000m the Government has spent in attempting to destroy the NUM could have provided £25 a week increase for every registered person on the dole.

registered insured worker in tax

cuts.
The miners, in seeing her attack on jobs, have 90 per cent of the workers in Scotland on strike, 97 per cent in Yorkshire on strike, and 99.6

Mrs Thatcher: If he is interested in

people keeping their jobs, he should stop supporting the strikes.

no free trade unions?

all the activities?

was Mr MacGregor?

Mrs Thatcher: I seree.

undoubtedly jobs of many people in undountedly jobs of many people in other industries are in danger.

My best estimate of figures available is that 30,000 people in other industries have lost their jobs as a direct result of the intransigence of Mr Cearch!

Davies: Never a complete return without negotiations

interest. The TUC have paid a heavy price for the resolution passed at its conference. Nego-tiations led by the TUC at an earlier stage could have been belpful. I pay Secretary at that most unpleasant meeting at Aberavon.

Alec Woodall (Hemsworth Lab): He ought to meet members o the TUC if only to discuss with them two constituents of mine employed by private contractors doing work for the coal board who have been laid off since this strike began. They were receiving men ployment benefit until recently, when some bright boy in his department decided that they were affected by the strike and would benefit from it. Will be ensure that they receive their rightful unemployment benefit?

Mr King: That is not a matter for me. If he is trying to say that there has been a lot of hardship and that a lot of jobs have been lost as a result of the NUM's action many MP's would agree 100 per cent.

Mr Ray Masoa (Barnsley Central, Lab): Why is it that those mineworkers who were declared redundant before March 6, the first day of the strike, have received their redundancy notices and have played no part in the strike, are being denied unemployment benefit? Mr King: This is a matter under

existing rules for the adjudicating officer. I hope that the NUM is not going to be any longer in that situation. The number of people who have lost their jobs, 30,000 bringing this dispute to an end at the

Mr Prescott: The speech to be made tonight (Tuesday) by the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Peter Walker) calling for national unity and conciliation in the mining areas seems to many of us to be like Arrila the Hun calling for a peace conference. Does Mr King accept his responsibility in this new theme

courage shown by Mr Norman Willis, (the TUC General Secretary) Mr King: I have never quite seen the Secretary of State for Energy in the guise of a wolf coming down on the fold. It is no good Mr Prescott standing up now and saying how about a bit of negotiation and conciliation when he backed the Government to extend a hand to the NUM leader to the hilt when he proudly stated that he would not budge an inch throughout the various committees on various matters and different members as well. I am always ready to meet them on matters of common

ment corporation's work on Combine would be completed. In

the development corporations could

dispose of land no longer intended

for development.
In London docklands, commit-

more than £140m in the enterprise

limit in the Bill would be reached in

1989. The £800m to which the limit could be raised would be reached in

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition

spokesman on the environment, said it was morally wrong for the assets to have been piled high and

go", thus creating a buyers' market. the buyer told "everything must

The requirement to continue to have consideration for the welfare

of those living, working or carrying on business in the new towns, and to

try to enhance the value of the

assets, was a sham.

The Bill did not allow the public purse to realize the full mature value.

of its investment over a period of close on 30 years. It allowed what looked like forced sales at what

would be then less than marke

value.
Mr William Benyon (Milton Keynes, C) said for the first time in new town finance, grants were to be

given as opposed to loans. This was

Mr Norman Hogg (Cumbernauke and Kilsyth, Lab) said this Bill was

just one more piece of legislation which would encourage and allow further sales of public land and public assets at bargain basement

good, reasonable development ut he hoped it would be used

On present forecasts the £600m

All parties urged to be constructive going to be bombed into taking any different approach to the Republic

ULSTER

It was easy to recognize the problems of Northern Ireland and easy to analyse them, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said in the Commons. But, it was very difficult to get the necessary political

Replying to questions about her meeting with Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Taoiseach, on Sunday and Monday, she said there had been excellent coperation with the Irish Covernment in turns to improve Government in trying to improve security, but they had not yet been successful in getting a political framework acceptable to the minority and majority communi-

Mr Nell Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said: I welcome the fact that another meeting has taken place between the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach and the undertaking given that close and continual dialogue will go on. I strongly endorse the categoric rejection of violence and the threat

Could she explain why, he asked. this recent meeting did not produce more tangible results? Does that mean she is content with the status quo, with the misery caused and the ethal dangers? Responsible authorities including

the Irish Government and the Roman Catholic bishops are alarmed by the risk of loss of confidence in the democratic rocess among many people. Did they discuss that alienation.

and widespread concern?
It is essential to encourage those who work for change by democratic means, so that they are strengthened and so that the forces of terror are weakened and divided. Mrs Thatcher: Despite all the

strenuous and considerable efforts by the Royal Ulster Constabulary and security forces to eliminate termeism and we have excellent cooperation with the Taoiseach and across the border in trying to improve security, we have not yet een successful in getting a political framework acceptable to the minority and majority communi-

The first Secretary of State for Northern Ireland had a round table conference but we were not successful in getting anything done, although the discussions went well. Mr James Prior, the former Secretary of State, started an assembly but the Republican party— the Social Democratic and Labour

still to try yet again. Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists (Lagan Valley): I congratulate her on the courage and the clear-sightedness she has shown

in taking her Government off the treadmill of initiatives which in the past have been the cause of so much Would Mrs Thatcher consider which also add to instability?

Mrs Thatcher: I think all of us would still like to find a political framework that was acceptable both to the minority as well as the majority communities. We have not yet succeeded in finding that. I hope that all Northern Irish political parties will play a constructive part in trying to secure it.
Unless and until we get that we

shall not be able to get the full improvement in the security hire, C): Would Mrs Thatcher repeat to all the people in Northern

Ireland that neither community has anything to fear from improved and continuing working relationships between herself and the Taoiseach? Mis Thatcher: I believe we are right to hold bilateral meetings with the Taoiseach and his ministers and we

shall continue to do so. We rejected the three proposals in the New Ireland Forum and the majority in Northern Ireland know they will continue to be a part of the United Kingdom unless they wish

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L): In view of the terrorist challenge facing both governments, why cannot a joint security council be set UD NOW.

Mrs Thatcher: A joint security council is one proposal which has been put forward. These are matters which will be pursued. A number of people think it better to try to get a solution in both security and a political framework at the same time, believing that the one may assist the better solution of others. Mr David Winnick (Walsall North. Lab): There has been immense disappointment at the negative view she took on the New Ireland Forum which represents 90 per cent of quite a victory for the Provisional IRA.

Mrs Thatcher: I disagree most

Prisoners

PM's QUESTIONS

Gummer, Conservative Party chairman, should be made a bishop drew comments at the press conference caused deep and justifiable anger and contributed little to the objective of peace and stability in Northern Ireland. laughter from MPs during Commons questions on the coal dispute. Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, referred to Mr Gummer's extraordinary out-

Mrs Thatcher is making a fundamental mistake in insisting burst in a pulpit on Sunday.
Will the Prime Minister make
clear (he asked) that she sent a full that the Northern Ireland proble is a Northern Ireland problem. The problem of Northern Ireland is not simply a matter of relationships between the people of Northern heir facts as Mr Gummer sought Ireland. It is a matter of relation-ships between the Rebublic and It represents a failure of British-Irish relations which have been allowed to fester. When Mrs Thatcher gives a total

veto to a tiny section of the people of both Irelands she is paralysing all progress. The right approach is to seek the maximum consensus of all the people of both Irelands. Mrs Thatcher: I do not recognise Mrs Tharcher: I do not recognise
the press conference at which I
was present. I did hope we might
have a possibility of getting more
cooperation. What Mr Hume says

does not give me much hope. Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab): The current violence on the streets of northern England arising from the miners' strike, like the long standing nce on the streets of Northern Ireland, are the consequences of policies which Mrs Thatcher could

than it would have taken in the

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP): Her

The impervious and callous manner of her dismissal of the changes in the forum report were an affront and meant people would continue to suffer.

Mrs Thatcher: The forum report and the three proposals were rejected by the former Secretary of

clearly and decisively.

The majority would have been deeply offended if these solutions had not been rejected. I hope Mr Duffy believes the majority still have some standing. Violence is utterly and totally

State for Northern Ireland on July 4.

Changes should come about by the



Molyneaux: Summits like this add to instability

Mr Timethy Yes (South Suffolk, C): There is widespread concern at the the British taxpayer has to meet for what appears to come to be the self-imposed problems of Northern

Mrs Thatcher: The financial bill is large but the people of Northern Ireland are as much entitled to be against terrorism people in any other part of the United Kingdom.

Mis Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab): Terrorism comes m the fact that the minority does not have democratic rights.

Mrs Thatcher: They do have rights. What we are asking is for more cooperation between the political parties to reach something more

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab): The majority in Northern Ireland are and always have been against the partition and there is mounting evidence that the people of Britain are against our presence in Northern Ireland.

So long as small intransigence ninority, which has treated unjustly the nationalist community Northern Ireland, goes on dictating to all of us there can be no solution

Mrs Thatcher: There is a guarantee given by legislation, passed through this House, to the majority of people in Northern Ireland, most of us stand by that guarantee and believe in the human rights for eah and every citizen in Northern Ireland and try to uphold these.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Civil Aviation Bill, second reading, Lords (2.30): Debate on work of research

Gummer 'should be a Bishop

and positive answer to the church leaders' letter without questioning do? It would be an improvement if she made him a bishop and took some bishops into her Government. Mrs Thatcher replied by referring to the maiden speech made in the Lords recently by the Earl of Stockton, formerly Mr Harold

I myself (she said amid renewed laughter) do not tangle with bishops I leave that to distinguished ex-Prime Ministers, one of whom in a maiden speech in the Lords a few days ago said; "Episcopal and archiepiscopal plunges into economics are very often rather eccentric, even capricious."

Unesco

Many criticisms which had been made of Unesco, the United Nations Educational, cientific and Cultural Organization were abun-dantly justified, both in the direction of its expenditure and the attempts it made from time to time to prevent freedom of speech and the freedom of the press, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions.

She was replying to Mr Thomas Clarke (Monklands West, Lab) who urged her to bear in mind the views of the United Kingdom Coromission as well as the 25 human
rights organizations. Would she just
this once respond to the third world hanging on to the American coat

Belgrano

HMS Conqueror was not ordered to return to the scene of the sinking of the General Belgrano on May 3, 1982, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said.

The Conqueror was ordered to continue operations in accordance with her current rules of engage-ment, she added. Early on the morning of May 4, 1982, (London time), HMS Conqueror signalled her intention to return to the area where Belgrano was attacked. She warships engaged in rescuing survivors from the Belgrano.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab): Have all the signals to and from the Conqueror been retained other than those that were in the missing log book? Mrs Thatcher: I prefer to check

precisely before giving him a specific reply.

Scots as PM

The United Kingdom had had many Scottish Prime Ministers and it was about time the English had a chance. Mrs Thatcher, the Frime Minister, said amid laughter. She was replying to Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP), who had said: Following her description an "English Prime Minister", many Scots will welcome the acknowledgement that she has no

the border. (Laughter)
Would she see to it that
legislation was introduced in to this House at last to redeem the promise of Lord Home that a separate Scottish government should be set

'Hands up' now out of date for strikes

Events at the Austin Rover works underlined more clearly than any speech could that the car park meeting and show of hands was no longer acceptable for issues of this retary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions. They also emphasized the importance of a proper secret ballot before any industrial action could be under-

Mr Roger King (Birmingham. Northfield, C) had asked if he would talk to the TUC about secret ballots. Would he say to them (he went on that if they had had a secret ballo the mineworkers would never have gone on strike and if the Austir Rover workers had had a secret

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the next two years the Alliance is likely to have another major opportunity to revive its for-tunes. There will probably be mid-term disillusionment with the Government and, on present form, not much confid in Labour. But the Alliance will be able to take this opports only if it looks sufficiently united to impress both its own members and the electorate.

Unless the ordinary mem-bers of both the Liberal and Social Democratic parties are convinced that the unity is for real they will not be prepared to make the sacrifices that are required to make any partnership effective. For that reason it is wiser to focus attention at this stage on the underlying spirit of unity than on the precise arrangements for the

If the right spirit is there, the difficulties over seat allocation will be resolved in due course. If it is not there, another efficient carve-up of seats will not be enough to win the confidence of the electorate.

leaders have accepted the need for more than the superficial appearance of unity which is all that has been provided since another way of saying that Dr Owen does not seem to be dragging his feet quite so much. A number of useful steps in the right direction were taken at yesterday's meeting of the Joint Leaders' Committee.

power chance

for the first time that the Alliance is a lasting partnership. That is important at the symbolic level. If the two parties were to regard themselves as simply enjoying a temporary liaison to see them through the next election after which all bets might be off
- they would inevitably be less cooperative.

It is rational to make a concession in order to solidify a partnership, but it is foolbardy to give away something to

This does not mean that a merger is around the corner. It before the next election, and to attempt it would simply cause unnecessary aggravation. What has been accepted is modest.

Alliance is now agreed on seeing itself as an alternative to the present Government. To expect the Liberals and Social Democrats to sweep to power at the next election would on present evidence be absurd. But the earlier indication from Dr Owen that he did not think it sensible even to try had upset many Liberals as well as a number of members of his own

They thought that it was tactically inept because the Alliance would lack credibility if it did not present itself as a potential bidder for power. They also feared that Dr Owen's strategy betrayed a lack of emotional commitment to the Alliance, seeing it merely as an instrument for gaining the balance of power as a means towards electoral reform. Now the balance of power seems to be regarded as an acceptable fall-back objective.

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The main organizational decisions point in the same direction: a joint leaders' office to be established well before the next election, and more

joint selection of parliamentary candidates - which Liberals tend to favour and to which Dr Owen is resistant - there seem to be some signs of a modus vivendi. The SDP may be becoming somewhat flexible in defining the exceptional circumstances in which it would be acceptable, and the Liberals are accepting that joint selec-

own party as well as from the Liberals. It is a mistake to regard the two parties as monolithic in their attitude towards the other. But there remains one doubt, the basis of Dr Owen's reluctance and the main question overhanging the

Social Democrats are ultimately the same kinds of political animal. This doubt was magnified by Bournemouth and Buxton, especially by the differences over defence. It has not been set at rest by

British Telecom sale: 3

Bill for privatizing may top £200m

sale is such a huge undertaking cists have been kept busy for weeks enumerating the various reco. as it will break. One record about which they have been less than forthcoming is the unpre-cedented cost of the exercise.

Both the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry have consistently refused to be drawn on what the final bill for privatizing British Telecom is likely to be. Only notional estimates have so far been laid before Parliament for approval.

That reticence is hardly surprising. The sums involved are going to be very large, and the Government appears to be sensitive to the regular charges from Labour MPs that privatization is "lining the pockets" of merchant banks and stockbrokers in the City.

But partly it is also genuine uncertainty about what the final costs will be. Many of the costs involved, such as the telephone rebates being offered to small investors, will not be known for certain until the issue is over. The bill presented to the Treasury could vary by tens of millions of pounds, depending Government's rather than Brit-

The selling of British Telecom will be more expensive than firm is known to be receiving a all the Government's previous privatization exercises put fee of between £1m and £2m. together. In the last of three articles, JONATHAN DAVIS. The Government does not deny Business Correspondent, explains why.

on how many people apply for ish Telecom's expense, to small vouchers, how many vouchers each wants and how long they decide to keep their shares.

Preliminary estimates in Whitehall, however, are under-stood to be based on the assumption that the final allinclusive cost of the British Telecom share sale will be at least £200m and could easily be more. It will be more expensive than all the previous privatization exercises put together.

As a percentage of the total proceeds of the share issue. however, it will still be relatively small. Costs of £200m would represent just over 5 per cent of £3,915m which British Telecom is going to raise for the Government. The two biggest elements in the total are expected to be the cost of having the share offer underwritten in the City, and the cost of the package of incentives which are being offered, at the

The Government's determination to underwrite all its share sales has been one of the more controversial elements of its privatization programme; critics argue that it is unnecessary and wasteful. Underwriting a new share issue involves a group of banks, pension funds, nsurance companies and other big City institutions guaranteeing to buy all the shares on offer in the event of the issue failing to attract enough buyers at the

specified price. The final cost of the exercise. the London part of which was completed last Friday, will be more than £60m.

In addition, the Government has to pay fees to Kleinwort Benson, its main merchant bank adviser, and the four stockbroking firms that are handling the issue. These are never normally disclosed on

dence, although one broking Labour claims that the total City earnings from the issue will be £100m to £120m. The cost of the incentives

including the telephone vouchers and bonus shares offered by the Government, is expected to come to about the same as the underwriting. Each voucher will cost the Government £18, so if a million people apply for an average of two vouchers each, the cost will be £36m.

The next biggest item is the free or cut-price shares being offered to BT's 240,000 employees. Up to 10 per cent of the shares have been reserved for employees, though they are not expected to take them all up. The free share offer alone will cost the Government £17.5m.

The final element is the bill for marketing, including the advertising campaign, the mailshots to all telephone subscribers, the six million pros-pectuses, and the fees of the various advisers. Unofficial estimates are that this could were handcuffed together, leapt cost anywhere between £20m into the silver BMW which

escape in ambush By Michael Horsnell

Two prisoners on a routine iail transfer were freed yesterday when a gang armed with pickexe handles attacked a

prison van in Reigate, Surrey. As police launched a fullscale hunt for the two men the orison department started an inquiry into the well-planned escane.

five warders including the driver and three prisoners aboard, was ambushed in a busy shopping centre during the morning rash-hour. It was on its way from Maidstone prison to Parkharst prison on the Isle of Wight

when, followed by 2 beige

BMW car, it was overtaken on

the A127 by a silver BMW which braked sharply and forced it into a lamp-post. The beige car crashed into the back and four men wearing balaciava helmets lept out before smashing the ran's windscreen and ordering the prison officers to remain still. Two of the three prisoners, who



hunting Terence Smith, aged 25, a category 'B' prisoner from Dagenham who was jailed for years last year at Chelmsford Crown Court for his part in a £20,000 robbery at Corringham, Essex, and John Kendall, aged 33, from Plaistow, east London, serving 10 years for robbery.

But police, led by Det Supt

Keith Portlock, believe the gang may have intended only to rescue Smith but were forced to include Kendall because of the handcuffs. No association between the two men is known. The third prisoner made no attempt to escape.

The police are also investi-

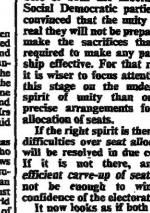
the gang to Maidstone prison last week when Smith is believed to have been seen. The two cars were stolen earlier from Wanstead, east London, and police appealed for help in tracing the silver

Roadblocks were set up and dogs called in within minutes of the 60-second ambash in which no one was hurt.

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Kendali, a category prisoner was said to be less dangerous than Smith, but the public was warned not to approach either. "We understand that this incident involves a London gang and it appears highly organized," Mr Portlock said.



Alliance sees

tomorrow's opponent.

but necessary.
It is also significant that the

Joint choice not common

joint television appearances by Dr Owen and Mr Steel. On the delicate subject of

tion will not be widespread. In general Dr Owen has been responding to pressure from his

Alliance's future. It is whether Liberals and

sped off towards London. ment a suspected visit by one of

Mexican inferno leaves 300 dead

Mexico City (Reuter, AP) -Rescue workers yesterday found more charred bodies in the rains of a subarb here, razed by a devastating gas depot fire which killed more than 300 people and injured more than 2,000.

Police said about 270 bodies had been recovered from homes incinerated by the fire storm or flattened by concrete blocks harledd as far as a mile by a series of blasts. Hundreds were

poisoned by leaking gas.

The fire, which survivors said fried birds in the air, began before dawn on Monday when 80,000 barrels of liquified gas exploded at one of the city's main gas distribution centres. Many houses, constructed from petrol barrels in the poor suburb of San Juanico, simply melted in the heat, killing the

occupants in seconds. As rescue workers scoured the suburb and fire-fighters fought isolated blazes inside the depot survivors spoke of the horror when 300ft high flames engulfed the area.

One man said he thought he had gone to Hell when he saw a metal bailding melt. "Hell fires could not be hotter", he said. When the fire started, "I heard a rumble and rushed out into the street but the heat struck me and I ran back inside to help my family. I tried to get my parents out of their house but it was burnt to ashes".

A police sergeant said many people had died half-naked in the street as they tried to outrum the flames which leapt from house to house. Entire families were incinerated in the grimy suburb and the homes of more than 4,000 people were

cordon around San Juanico and surrounding areas evacuated after the blaze in the gas distribution centre owned by the state oil company, Petroless Mexicanos (Pemex). More than 50 looters were arrested.

As the fires were brought under control and the scale of the disaster emerged, critics said it had been just a question of time before such a calamity would strike in Mexico City. A diplomat said: "It is not wise to store large quantities of gas or petrol near people. Safety rules have been lacking in the growth

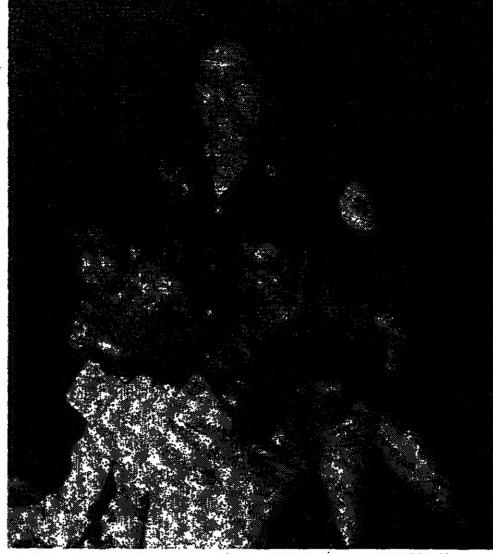
President Miguel de la Madrid issued a statement expression sorrow for those killed and arging the public to join in helping the victims. The Government instituted an emergency aid programme which included distribution of

clothing and other necessities and installation of mobile kitchens. Ambulances rescue lorries sped in and out of the area, carrying the injured to seven hospitals and several emergency centres.

At the local police station, charred bodies in plastic bags were laid out until they could be carried to a civic centre converted into a makeshift morgue.
Piles of rubble were heaped

where some homes once stood and shards of glass and smouldering debris littered the Asked if he was waiting for

information on his family, one man, with his few belongings wrapped in a sheet slung over his back, said softly: "Not now. Now I know. There is nobody."



Survivors: A Red Cross worker carries two children from the devastated area.

Famine in Ethiopia

Guerrillas ambush refugees

From Thomson Prentice Addis Ababa

Guerrillas of the Tigrean People's Liberation Front have launched an attempt to sabotage the Ethiopian Government's resettlement scheme in which thousands of people are removed from famine areas and taken to other parts of the country.

According to reliable sources in Addis Ababa yesterday, the guerrillas ambushed a convoy of seven buses and lorries carrying hundreds of settlers, took the people away and blew up or burnt the vehicles. Western diplomatic sources

also gave some credence to reports that the rebels had occupied the town of Korem, 385 miles north of the capital, after a day of skirmishes with government troops. The attack on the convoy was said to have taken place near Kobo, 30 miles south of Korem.
Government officials denied

that Korem, which has 100,000 famine refugees camped on its outskirts, was in rebel hands, and insisted that a scheduled visit today by Dr Garret ETHIOPIA

Fitzgerald, the Irish Repulic's Prime Minister would go ahead. However, they admitted that there had been an "incident" at Korem over the weekend and spoke of limited infiltration of the town by the guerrillas.

The guerrillas, who have been fighting a seccessionist cam-paign since 1962, did take control of Korem for a few weeks last year. Ten European relief workers were taken hostage and released two NEW YORK: Señor Javier months later across the border Perez de Cuellar, the UN in Sudan. However, the attack Secretary-General, intends to hostage and released two in Sudan. However, the attack on the resettlement convoy is call an international conference the first of its kind and was being seen yesterday as a timing and framework have yet significant attempt by the to be worked out, his spokes-guerrillas to halt what they man said (Reuter reports).

tion of their supporters.

The Government has moved scores of thousands of people from the impoverished north. including Tigre. The govern-ment said last week it plans to move 250,000 more people to the fertile south and south-west in the next few months, but conceded that the scheme was

The question now facing the Government is whether to continue to move thousands of Tigreans and risk further

attacks JAPAN PLEDGE: Mr Shintaro Abe, the Japanese Foreign Minister, on a visit to Ethiopia, has pledged \$7.4m (£5.9m) in aid for drought relief and agricultural development in the famine-stricken country (Reuter reports).

on the famine in Africa, but the

Hesse alliance collapses over A-power

From Our Own Correspondent

Bonn informal between the Social Democrats and the Greens in the state of Hesse has collapsed after only six months. The Greens announced yesterday that they would no longer back the minority government of Herr

Holger Börner because it refused to support their call for the closure of two nuclear alliance plants in the state.

The breakdown in Hesse has implications for both parties on a national scale, and reduces the likelihood of future cooperation. In Hesse it may lead to new elections soon.

compromise with the party's radical policies. But others saw it as a first chance for the Greens to exercise real power in state government and to prove to voters that the Greens were not just a protest party.

Herr Borner said yesterday that the Greens were insisting The alliance was criticized by on a policy of all or nothing.

13 tons of marijuana on coaster

Boston (Reuter). - At least 13 tons of marijuana have been found so far on the Norwegianregistered coastal ship, Ramsland, seized off the US coast on Wednesday. Customs officials estimated its street value at

Its captain and five crew, all British, have been charged with smuggling, and could be jailed for up to 15 years and fined up 10 \$125,000.

The Ramsland left Las Palmas on October 2 bound for Nova Scotia. The crew were listed as Andreas Mallion, aged 24, the captain, his brother, Gary (19). Kevin Tait (23). Barry Cogger (23), Westley Simmonds (30), and John Harrison (45), all from Kent Canary Islands address.

Delhi extends journalist's bail

Brahama Chellaney, Associated suspected thief, who was being pistol-whipped by a member of ber 3 but ordered him to report to the police in Amritsar by tomorrow to help their investi-

He is accused of filing from Punjab a report on the military action in the Golden Temple at Amritsar when he was legally debarred from doing so.

Cyclone wake

Delhi (AFP) - The death toll from the cyclone that battered the states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu last week rose to 373. India's space research organization centre on an island off the Madras coast was extensively damaged.

Heart failure

Loma Linda. California (Reuter) - Baby Fae, who lived for 21 days until last Thursday, who with a transplanted baboon caused by rejection of the organ. according to a post-mortem

Two hanged

Pretoria (AFP) - Two notorious South African gangsters. Cameron "Kangaroo" Adams, aged 27. a former boxing champion, and Vincent Stuurman, aged 25, were hanged here for murdering two members of rival gang.

Ottawa (AP) - Canada is to reduce the number of immi-

Canadian cut

grants it allows in next year from 95,000 to 90,000 and is making a major review of its immigration policy. Sexy Santa

Stockholm - A seasonal

advertisement by a Swedish artist showing Father Christmas making love has been banned from Stockholm's underground system. He was told to produce becoming a member of the a "nicer" poster. a "nicer" poster.

Magistrates in Madrid slate police

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Nine years after Franco died, there are still some Spanish policemen who have yet to learn how to uphold the rule of law in a democracy, according to Madrid's magistrates.

After an incident involving one of their members, who was manhandled and disobeyed by the police, the magistrates have appealed to the ministers of Justice and the Interior to remedy the situation swiftly.

The Judical Council, the selfregulating body to which all judges and magistrates are responsible, is due today to investigate the incident, which involved Señor Jacobo Lopez Barja, a magistrates known throughout the country. Among the cases he has investigated was last December's Madrid discotheque fire, in which 83 young people died.

In Madrid last week he Delhi. - The Supreme Court sought to go to the assistance of extended the bail of Mr a man, identified by police as a police patrol. The man was handcuffed and on the ground.
The magistrate identified

nimself and ordered the policman to stop. He and his three colleagues threatened to arrest Senor Lopez and then put his gun to the magistrate's throat. The Madrid Magistrates

Association, after a special meeting on Monday, told the Minister that such incidents between magistrates and the police were not isolated affairs.

"Certain police officials lack a clear awareness of their role in a democratic state." the magis. trates said. They demanded that a new approach in the higher echelons of the police should be ordered by the minister.

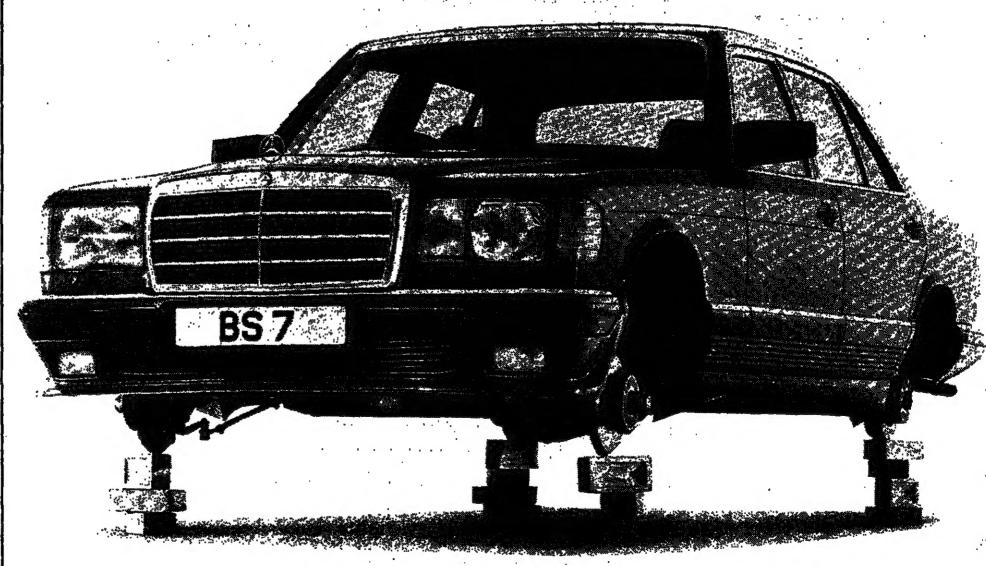
ILO defends its position after Warsaw pullout

Geneva (Reuter) - The International Labour Organization (ILO) said yesterday that it had followed normal procedure over a report on trade union rights in Poland which led to Warsaw deciding to leave the

The report, compiled by an ILO commission, said Poland had abused workers' rights by surppressing Solidarity. A letter from the Polish representative, Mr Stanislaw Turbanski, to the ILO. Secretary General Mr. Secretary-General. Francis Blanchard, said Poland was withdrawing because the organization "took note" of the

eport. Warsaw said the report was an illegal and politically-motivated interference in internal Polish affairs. In his reply, Mr Blanchard said the ILO's decision to take note of the report "fully conforms with the procedure envisaged by the constution of the ILO, to which Poland had fully subscribed in

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Austerity for Romania

Bucharest, (Reuter) - Delegates to the thirteenth congress has been the party's general-of Romania's ruling Commu-secretary since 1965, devoted nist Party yesterday began more than half of his four-anddebating a keynote speech by President Nicolae Ceausescu in which he foreshadowed greater

doxy for the rest of the 1980s.

party control over society.

The 3,100 delegates to the nia's 23 million people. congress in the State Palace here were expected to approve President Ceausescu's report at the end of the week, setting the seal on a course of economic austenty and ideological ortho-

Mr Ceausescu, who is 66 and a-half-hour speech on Monday to spelling out a message of continued austerity to try to

The ideologically accented speech outlined a future course of rigid communist orthodoxy at home with an enhanced role for the party, which is already dominant in the tightly con-

Spain and Portugal pin hope on Dublin summit for EEC entry progress

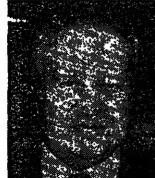
Spain and Portugal will have together with such difficulty is to wait for the European unlikely to be very appealing to summit in Dublin next month Spain and Portugal, so there is a before they know if, when and real danger that they could be how they can become members rejected

This is now inevitable after the painfully slow progress made yesterday by EEC foreign ministers in Brussels on nego-tiating terms on the outstanding questions of fish, wine, fruit and

vegetables.
The Community has yet to reach a common position on membership of Nato in Feb-these subjects in order to put to the applicant countries when that it will not recommend join the Community in 1986. the next negotiating session takes place next week. Yester-day's meeting showed that on wine, at least, it will require all the political force of the summit to achieve a compromise.

There is a further session

among member states planned for next Monday, when it may prove possible to put together some kind of package being put



Dr Soares in London yesterday: Seeking backing from Mrs Thatcher.

All this puts increasing doubt

on the possibility of completing the negotiations in time for the two countries to join by the target date of January, 1986. In an attempt to put added pressure on the negotiations, Spain has announced that it is to hold a referendum on its

staying in the alliance if Spain is not by then an EEC member. ● LONDON: Dr Mario Minister, arrived in Britain yesterday for a four-day official visit which is expected to be dominated by Portuguese pleas for an early completion of negotiations for EEC member-

ship (David Cross writes). He meets Mrs Thatcher today. It is expected that he will be told that the British Government will do everything it can

Turks accuse Brussels

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish
Prime Minister, accused the
EEC yesterday of going back on
the Motherland Party group. If
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the Motherland Party group. If share towards improving its troubled relations with Turkey. membership in such a Com-munity," he was quoted as

Emerging from a meeting of the parliamentary group of his Motherland Party, Mr Ozal recalled that an emissary had took office last November to discuss the steps to be taken for a comprehensive mending of

"But now we see that they haven't kept their word, and to attribute that to the reservations Greece and Denmark is simply not convincing, he said. If they think they can intimidate with threats of

sway over Greece or Denmark. then we should not bother with

saying.

There have been rumours in recent weeks of an impending Turkish application for full member status in the EEC. The rumours were officially denied both in Ankara and Brussels, but not before it was indicated cation would be rejected.

Mr Ozal was no less tough in reminding the Council of Europe that whether democ-racy existed in Turkey or not holding back \$600 million was not for others to decide". (£476 million) in aid, let them The warning appeared to be know that we do not need that directed at at the Council's ministerial committee which is



Long arm of the law: Police and marshals arresting an unidentified man in Brooklyn, New York, during an operation by Fist (Fugitive Investigative Strike Teams). The two-month manhant by federal and local law officers, has led to the arrest of 3,000 fugitives, including murder, rape and bank robbery suspects.

British TV sweeps Emmy awards

New York (Renter) - British television programmes swept the 12th annual International Emmy awards here, beating productions from 24 other nations in five programme

categories.
Granada Television, Channel 4 and Thames Television scooped the awards, presented by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at a ceremony on Monday night.

Jewel in the Crown, a 14-part
Granada series based on Paul Scott's novels about the turbu-lence in India during the five

7day or straight away

years before independence from Britain in 1947, received the drama award.

The best documentary was The Heart of the Dragon, a Channel 4 production that looked at events and people from the past that have contributed to the development of modern China. A Channel 4 production of Bizer's The Tragedy of Carmen, received the performing arts award.

Fresh Fields, the story of a

wife who seeks a career and new interests after 20 years of

dren's division, the winner was The Wind in the Willows. Lord Bernstein, a founding

executive of Granada Television, received the directorate award for "outstanding contri-butions over a period of time to the arts and sciences of

international television".

David Wolper, American film maker and television producer, in 1977 produced the mini-series, Roots and the Jacques Consteau undersea exploration series, received the founder's award.

Nato likely to double battle time

Nato is expected shortly to adopt a programme designed to double the length of time in which it could fight a conventional war without resorting to

General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has consistently said

Nato sources suggest this point could be reached within about 15 days of the outbreak of a big European war. But at a meeting of Nato defence ministers next month, steps are expected to be approved which, over a period of years, could lead to Nato's war stocks being extended to provide 30 days fighting capability.

The target of achieving a 30-day capability was first set more than 30 years ago.

This move and plans to provide many Nato airfields with improved protection against attack is seen as a direct response to criticisms by Senator Sam Nunn and others in the

Earlier this year there was fear of an acute crisis developing over a move by Senator defeated, which would have led to a reduction in US forces in Europe if the European nations did not raise their level of

 NEW SS20 BASES: Construction of 10 new SS20 bases. the largest number in any one year, has been started by the Soviet Union since Soviet negotiators walked out of the negotiations in December 1983, it was stated at a Nato meeting in Brussells yesterday (Frederick Bonnart writes).

Mr James Dobbins, chairman of the special consultative group of senior Nato foreign ministry

The Soviet Union has moved more than 50 short-range mobile SS12/22 Scaleboard missiles from the Soviet Union into East Germany and Cze-

Kinnock visit, page 10

From Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

nuclear weapons.

that with existing stocks of ammunition and other supplies in a war he would be forced within a short period to seek permission to use nuclear

United States Congress.

At next month's ministerial meeting it is hoped to reach agreement, after months of argument, on a separate pro-gramme which should lead to the spending of about £4,226m over the next six years on defence infrastructure of which Britain's share would be about

of the Soviet nuclear build-up had also continued.

countries was finally agreed by EEC member states here yester-day (Ian Murray writes). The money will fund a third Lome Convention, which is due to be signed next month, and is

Britain and West Germany refused to contribute more than was their agreed share for a programme costing £300m less. Other member states, therefore, had to find ways of raising the

ETA leader

shot dead

outside his

surgery

Madrid - Senor Santiago Brouard, a leader of Basque extreme left-wing nationalist People's Unity coalition, was shot dead yesterday outside his surgery in Bilbao.

The executive of the coalition went immediately into emerg-ency meeting after describing

Senor Brouard sometimes

acted as spokesman of People's

Unity, the political arm of ETA, the Basque separatist organiza-

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Brussels - A £4,500m aid

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Lome states

the killing as a provocation.

Top Reagan men asked to stay

Washington (AFP) - President Reagan has asked Mr Casper Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, Mr William Casey, the CIA direc-tor, and Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, to remain in their posts, a White House spokesman said. "The President has talked to all of these individuals and they are all to the best of my knowledge hoping to stay," the spokesman said.

Thatcher threat

Toronto (Reuter) - Kenneth Deyarmond, aged 32, accused of threatening to assault Mrs Margaret Thatcher in Toronto last September during a demon-stration, has been acquitted. But he was convicted of assaulting two policemen and will be sentenced today.

Corfu delay

Athens - A court in Corfu postponed until February 12, the bearing of two petitions for the dispossession of Britions who acquired property there in spite of a 1927 bar. In view of the Greek Government's promises to settle the controversy by

Valletta blast

Valletta (AFP) - A bomb thrown from the street on the roof of the Vatican Embassy's roof here, causing serious damage but no injuries. The islands 74 formerly fee-paying Catholic schools had just reopened as free schools after a six-week closure.

Iceland 'cheats'

Reykjavík (Reuter) - fcrlandic unions which won a 20 per cent rise last month after a strike called Monday night's 12 per cent devaluation of the crown, cheating. The right-wing Government was clawing back most of the rise, they said.

Murdoch man

Chicago (Reuter) - Frank Devine, a senior staff editor at Reader's Digest, is to be editor of the Chicago Sun-Times. owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch. from January. He is a New Zealander, aged 52.

Trouser hitch

Moscow (Reuter) - Soviet men spend hours scouring shops for trousers with zip-fasteners while the clothing trade keeps on making the button-front kind that nobody wants, a Moscow newspaper said.

Marcos tries to dispel rumours about health

From Keith Dalton, Manila quash rumours that he is seriously ill or dead, was reported yesterday to have sued a formal statement declaring he is in good health and discharging his official

"The report of my death is an exaggeration", Mr Marcos said. Speculation about his health had led callers to clog the palace switchboard with

"We should not dignify these rumours in any way. But let me just say to our people that I am in good health and I am fully discharging the duties and responsibilities they have gen-erously reposed on me", the

as saying.

Despite the unprecedented two-paragraph statement, Mr

Marcos has still not appeared in public for a week, He failed to fulfil a speaking engagement yesterday before an international conference he had to attend to "pressing

state matters". On Monday the presidential palace was forced to break silence on Mr Marcos's mysterious disappearance from public view when a former Inforamtion Minister claimed the President had undergone 2 kidney and heart operation last

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Whitlam's Unesco plea

Australian Prime Minister, yesterday added his voice to the growing clamour within the Commonwealth and Western Europe urging Britain to reconsider its threatened withdrawal from Unesco (David Cross

writes). Mr Whitlam, who now heads journalists in London yesterday tion.

Mr Gough Whitlam, the former that a British withdrawal would stop the whole process of Unesco reform in its tracks.

Commonwealth high commissioners are to press the same point on Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary in talks in London today amid reports that the British Government is on his country's delegation to the the point of deciding to organization in Paris, told withdraw from the organiza-

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IT SEEMED AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO START LOOKING FOR NORTH SEA OIL.

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A routine press conference in London, and an off the cuff remark by Shell UK's top geologist. Within minutes his comments are on every Editor's desk in Fleet Street, and by morning, being repeated the length and breadth of the country. While the sceptics scoff, the politicians pray. If what has been hinted at is indeed true, it will alter the economic and political fortunes of Britain for decades to come. Out in the North Sea, it is reported, Shell expects to strike oil.

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The financial markets of London buzz with anticipation following Shell's discreet announcement of a significant gas discovery 32 miles off the coast of East Anglia. Within two years Shell and other companies are bringing North Sea gas ashore, and with it a dramatic revival for the British gas industry. Plans are made for completely converting the National Grid to natural gas.

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Armed with the latest seismic data, two geologists from Shell set up a small office in a tiny flat, over a bookshop, in the centre of Aberdeen. It seems as good a place as any from which to tackle their awesome task. They have been instructed to begin exploration of the vast and hostile waters of the northern parts of the North Sea.

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At the northernmost offshore well yet drilled in the world, a veil of secrecy descends over Shell's activities. Communications with the mainland are suddenly coded through 'scrambler' phones. Information is rushed to Shell's scientists for prompt analysis. Until, as abruptly as they began, the exploration team cease all activity, seal the well, and are clearly seen making off for entirely new locations. A simple manoeuvre to ensure that nobody will guess what they have found.

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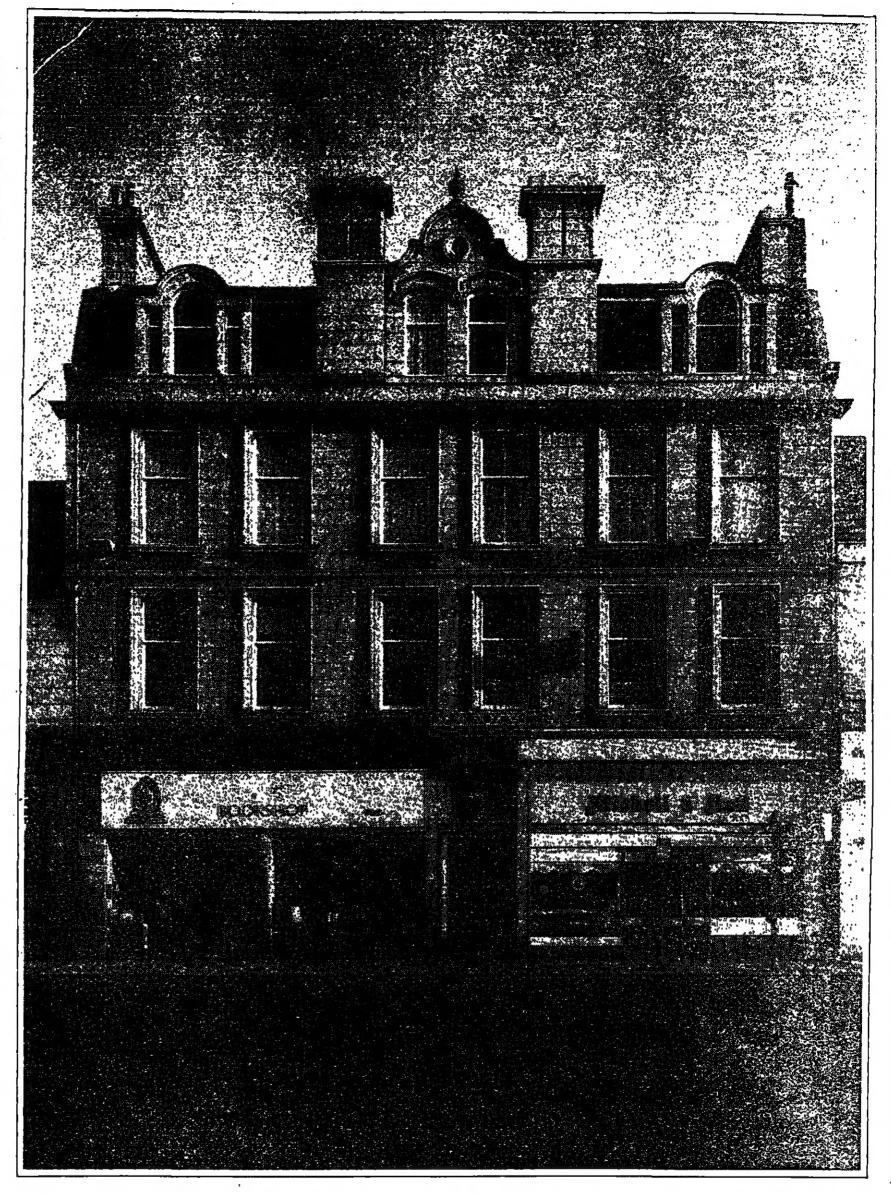
Shell proudly announces the discovery of what will prove to be a giant oil and gas find for Britain, the Brent Field.

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The latest analysis of the Brent Field shows that the possible reserves of oil and natural gas liquids are double the original estimate. With Britain's oil deficit still around £3.8 billion, the news is welcome indeed.

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The very high ratio of gas and gas liquids to oil being produced at Brent leads to a daring new scheme. A pipeline 278 miles long is to be laid on the seabed, to bring ashore the gas and gas liquids for separation. It will be the longest, and deepest, offshore pipeline ever built and is yet another challenge for British industry. Much of the technology required for North Sea development must be capable of operating in waves of up to 100 feet high, and in gusts of wind up to 100 miles per hour. In this instance, underwater cameras, side-scan sonars and computer systems are needed that will operate 600 feet beneath the sea.



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The scheme is a success. Now it will be possible to bring the gas and gas liquids ashore for further use. The gas will be extracted and fed into the National Grid.

It would be possible to split the remainder into ethane, butane, propane and natural gasoline important resources for industry. To do so, a highly advanced plant, costing many millions of pounds, will have to be specially built.

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Work begins on the £400 million Gas Liquids Plant being built by Shell at Mossmorran, and on the 138 mile pipeline that will feed it. Soon Mossmorran will be the largest construction site in Europe.

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Oil production from Brent approaches 310,000 barrels per day. This vast quantity helps transform Britain's oil deficit of yesteryear into a surplus of around £4.4 billion.

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A VIP gathering to witness the opening of the new Mossmorran plant. Distinguished speakers touch on one or two environmental aspects of the plant, such as how it has been built tucked into the contours of the land so as to be as unobtrusive as possible. Also mentioned are the industrial aspects, such as how the hydrocarbons being produced will ultimately be used in the manufacturing of a thousand and one household items, from lipsticks to records.

But above all, it is noted that the opening of Mossmorran marks the culmination of the twenty years in which Shell, and the countless number of smaller British companies that have worked for her, have invested thousands of millions of pounds and great skill and ingenuity in the North Sea.

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Civilians face uphill task as Uruguay poll heralds generals' exit

Uruguay goes to the polls on Sunday to put an end to the 11year-old military government which citizens in this traditionally democratic country call an aberration in their history.

The normally staid streets of Montevideo, the capital, are awash with colour, with thousands of banners, advertising dozens of parties and factions, hanging from the balconies of once-grand buildings. Even in the quietest neighbourhood. loudspeaker lorries blare out campaign jingles, and politics has become the exclusive topic in street corner cases where, not so long ago, a careless remark could land one in jail.

Two traditional middle-class parties, a powerful coalition of leftist groups, and a few smaller parties are contesting the race to replace the discredited military, which is due to hand over power on March 1, 1985. The winner will face the unenviable task of repairing a recession-ravaged economy, controlling the resentful military, and finding funds to finance the historically overburdened state sector at a time of declining export earnings.

The military seized control in 1973, one year after having defeated the left-wing Tupamaro terrorist movement, and banned all political parties in 1976. The generals committed themselves to a return to democracy in 1980 after a proposed constitutional amend-ment legitimizing their political role was defeated in a plebiscite. They are leaving behind an economy marked by 15 per cent unemployment, with real wages about 50 per cent lower than when they took office.

are in fact stand-ins. Senor Wilson Ferreira Aldunate, the Amplio coalition, was released charismatic leader of the tra- from prison in March but is ditional Blanco Party, is still in







Ferreira (top), Seitor Sanguinetti (middle), General

about 50 per cent lower than him by the military when he Siill, there is no shortage of returned from exile last Junc. civilian candidates, although two of the three front-runners are in fact stand-ins. Señor leftist Broad Front Frente prohibited from standing.

Despite the loss of their favourite candidates, both parties agreed to participate in the election anyway. The Blancos, who have been transformed under Senor Ferreira from a conservative party with roots among the landed oligarchy to a progressive, anti-military party progressive, anti-military party attractive to younger volers, chose Señor Alberto Zumaran, a 49-year-old lawyer with a reputation for standing up to the military. Señor Zumaran has been barnstorming the country in a colourful "victory" caravan" promoting his party's plans to nationalize foreign banks and carry out agrarian reform if elected. He has also vowed to call new elections "as soon as possible" to allow Senor Ferreira to stand.

The one candidate to have been the first choice of his party is the Colorado Party leader, Señor Julio Sanguinetti, who is thought by Western diplomats to hold a slight edge over Señor Zumaran, A 47-year-old lawyer, he describes himself as "a social democratic who realizes the democrat who realizes the limits of state power and advocates more orthodox economic policies than his rivals Colorado Party strategists say Señor Sanguinetti offers voters "a calm transition to demo-CTacy".

The Broad Front, with Senor Juan José Crotoggini as a substitute for General Seregni does not pretend to be in the running for the presidency with the Blancos and Colorados. But party insiders say they would be satisfied if they pull off an upset victory for the Montevideo mayoralty, something diplomatic observers say they might well do. With half the country's population of three million. Montevideo is a valuable political prize in itself, but the insiders say the Broad Front hopes to use it as a steppingstone to national power in the



Cover-up: Mr Shiner, one of the alleged conspirators, tries to shield his face as he is taken to a Cairo bank to withdraw the \$90,000 which police say was his share.

Envoy sees Briton held in Cairo

From Alice Brinton Cairo

A British consular officer yesterday became the first foreign representative to meet Mr William Gill, one of the four-man "hit squad" allegedly sent here by Libya to kill a former Libyan Prime Minister, Mr Abdel-Hamid Bakoush.

Egyptian newspapers de-scribe Mr Gill as the ringleader of the team, which includes another Briton, Mr Godfrey Shiner, and two Maltese. They were arrested last Saturday before President Mubarak announced that Egyptian secur-

to assessinate Mr Bekoush by faking photographs which showed him lying in a pool of blood, This tricked Libyn into announcing he had been

On Monday, the British Ambassador, Sir Michael Weir, met Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials. A British Embassy spokesman said consular officers are expected to meet the other three defendants "over the next few days". Britain handles all consular affairs for Malta in

Egypt.
Mr Gill has been quoted as

ators that the Libyans were plotting to assassinate a num-ber of world leaders, including Mrs Margaret Thatcher, King Fabd of Saudi Arabia and West Germany's Chancellor Kohl. A leading Cairo newspaper, Al-Akhar, announced that a three-man German security del-egation would arrive in Cairo today to follow up on the

terrorists' confessions". Mr Gill's wife, Rosemary, who lives near Colchester in Essex, plans to fly to Egypt to be near her husband, but embassy officials here have advised her to delay her trip.

US tones down Karpov row

Salonika (Reuter) - The United States chess team captain yesterday criticized a decision to allow Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet world champion, to join the twenty-sixth Chess Olympiad taking place here. But he condemned a threat by the leading US player, Roman Dzindzichasvili, a former Soviet citizen, to with-

US players said they thought the English, French and West Germans shared their views on the Karpov issue. But sources here said the English team captain, David Anderton, had argued at a captain's meeting yesterday in favour of admitting Karpov.

draw if Karpov plays.

Results of the top-seeded nations: Soviet Union 4.0, Malaysia 0.0; Hungary 3.5, United Arab Emirates 0.5; Yugoslavia 3.5, New Zealand 0.5; Czechoslovakia 2.5, Zeitand U.5; Czechosovada 2.5, Sri Lanka 1.5; Netherlands 4.0, Bangladesh 0.0; United States 3.5, Paragusy 0.5; England 3.5, Thai-land 0.5; Tunisla 1, Iceland 1; West Germany 4, Hongkong 0; Sweden 3, Egypt 0.

10,000 Germans face death unless Aids cure found

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

ways were found to curb the disease, about 10,000 Germans disease, about 10,000 Germans against over-dramatizing the would be expected to die of dangers and say only 100 people

registration by health authorities of each new case, compulsory tests and inspections of those groups — mainly homosexuals and drug addicts relations with those unaffected.

This last proposal, based on a 1927 law, entails possible imprisonment of up to three years, but it has raised an outery. Not ony would it be hard to enforce, but many do not show symptoms of the

West Germany is considering disease until at least three years after catching it, during which they are able to infect others. Homosexual groups say the proposal will lead to a witch-hunt and stir up public prejudice.

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Aids in the next six years.

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venereal disease, which were thought to be most at risk, a ban on giving blood by high-risk groups and legal sanctions against victims who have sexual have to be passed, which might have to be passed, which might be challenged in the constitutional court. There have been growing public calls, however, for the closure of saunas and gay bars in West Germany along the lines of the measures introduced in San Francisco.

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Israeli oil hunt backed pact aim by by Hammer

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem

Armand Hammer, the Jewish American multi-million-aire and head of Occidental Petroleum, has announced the formation of a consortium which will launch an extensive hunt for oil in Israel next year.

The unexpected announce ment was made at a dinner in Los Angeles attended by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and widely reported here yesterday.

According to Israel radio. drilling by the consortium, in which Mr Hammer is personally investing \$1m (£800,000) is due to start next February.

The octogenarian tycoon. who has only recently espoused israeli causes, sait that no more than 300 exploratory oil wells have been dug in Israel, in contrast to the 5,000 sunk last year in the United States.

Exact details of which coun tries supply Israel with its vital supplies are subject to strict military censorship. At the Los Angeles dinner, Mr Hammer also disclosed that he will have a meeting in Moscow in January with Mr Konstantin Chernenko, the Soviet leader and would "discuss the situ-ation of the Jews in Russia and try to raise the level of emigration".

Yesterday, the Tel Aviv newspaper Ha'aretz reported on its front page that Mr Hammer has also been approached by Mr Shimon Peres Israel's new Prime Minister, as part of the Government's attempt to resolve the dispute over the Red Sea coastal strip at Taba by finding an outside investor willing to buy and operate its tourism facilities.

Cholera scare

Hongkong (Reuter) - The first case of cholera has been reported in Hongkong for more than two years but the colony has not been declared an infected area. It was considered an isolated case.

Red Cross two Koreas From David Watts

Tokyo

The legacy of human misery left by two wars in the Korean peninsula may be partially alleviated soon with the agreement yesterday to reopen full-scale Red Cross talks between North and South Korea.

About 10 million Koreans, North and South, have been separated by war from relatives to whom the resumption of talks brings hope of being reunited or being able to visit the grave of a loved one.

Yesterday's meeting of Red Cross delegations from North and South was the first contact between the two organizations in seven years. They agreed to reopen discussions in Seoul but no definite date has been fixed. The two sides will agree a date by telephone. Yesterday South Korea proposed December 18 and North Korea proposed

The last time the two sides met for working-level talks was

Now the atmosphere is several degrees warmer. After last week's successful initial economic talks there were smiles and warm handshakes all round vesterday at the border truce village of Panmunjom. Mr Cho Chill Hwa the chief delegate of South Korea, said the prevailing trend was for reconciliation across differing ideologies and systems.

Just as the talks of the early 1970s were aimed at reopening a dialogue which might lead to eventual reunification, so that hope was revived yesterday.

Recalling the acceptance by the South of flood relief aid from the North the chief Southern delegate went on: "Our recent acceptance of your side's offer of materials for flood victims was motivated by our wish to set a precedent for mutual help between members of the same nation, and, with this as an impetus, to reopen the avenue of suspended dialogue and broaden the road to mutual cooperation in humantarian areas.

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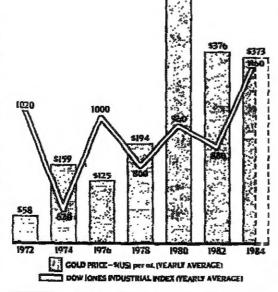
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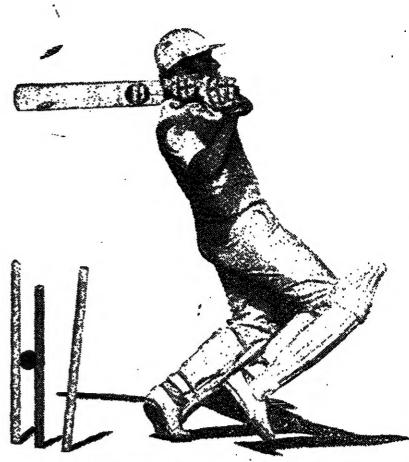
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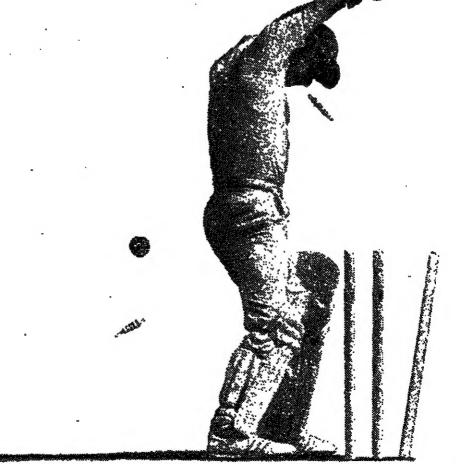
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Kinnock visit a pointer to **Soviet intentions** on arms talks

From Richard Owen, Moscow

leader, which begins today is part of a growing Anglo-Soviet connexion which the Kremlin hopes will give fresh impetus to

East-West relations.
Diplomats say Mr Kinnock's talks with President Chernenko. Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin second-in-command, and other Soviet leaders, will provide clues to how far Russia is prepared to go to get arms talks with the West started again. Mr Chernenko hinted this week that he might meet Fresident Reagan at a summit. "postive results" could be guaranteed.
"It looks as if the Russians

will roll out the red carpet for Kinnock" an observer said.
"They would not do so just to encourage the Labour Party" British diplomats deny that political test.
Britain is being used as an intermediary by Russia at a time when. Soviet American awkward iss

relations are under strain. But the Kinnock visit com-ing shortly before Mr Corbachov's visit to London next month and the trip by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Froeign Minister, to Britain thickening of Anglo-Soviet

The visit to Moscow by Mr contacts" during a crucial Neil Kinnock the Labour Party period when the Kremlin is reassessing its policies in the light of presidentreagans re-election.

Mr Kinnock, accompanied by his wife Glenys is due to arrive in Moscow this evening on an Aeroflot flight. The last Labour Party leader

to visit Moscow was Mr Michael Foot in 1981. He did not impress Soviet leaders with his grasp of nuclear disarmament issues, but Mr Kinnock in expect to prove a more astute interlocutor, despite his lack of experience on the international

stage.

He will have Mr Denis
Healey, chief opposition
spokesman on foreign affairs, at his elbow to provide heavy-weight experience, but Mr Kinnock's Kremlin encounters will still be an important Unilateral disarmanent and

the miners' strike could prove awkward issues. The Soviet Union has applauded Labour's commitment to the abolition of US nuclear missile bases in Britain and a conventional rather than nuclear defence strategy. But unilateralism is a policy which, the Russians early next year, is part of a argue applies to others and not



Acid criticism: Chancellor Kohl addressing foresters in Cologne yesterday as conservationists protest at the number of trees threatened by acid rain. The banner reads: Death in place of action, Herr Kohl?

Bonn blazes trail to Warsaw

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Herr Hans-Dietrich Geoscher, the West German Foreign Minister, begins a three-day visit to Poland today, the first by a Nato foreign minister since the lifting of martial law. The visit is intended as a signal by Bonn of the West's wish to restore normal relations and bring Poland out of its political isolation.

In an effort to avoid the controversy which followed the visit to Warsaw by Mr Malcolm Riskind, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Herr Gen-scher will not hold any talks with former Solidarity sup-porters, nor visit the grave of Father Jerzy Popicluszko, the priest murdered by Polish

security agents. But he will doubtless express Bonn's concern in his talks with General Jaruzelski, the party leader, Mr Stefan Olszowski, the Foreign Minister, and Cardinal Glemp, the Roman Catholic Primate. The visit, for which Herr Genscher has been pressing

hard, was thrown into doubt last summer after accusations in Warsaw and Moscow of West German revanchism and the cancellation of visits here by Est German and Bulgarian leaders.

Herr Gescher is determined to keep open a dialogue with East Europe, however, and is preparing visits to Czechoslova-kia. Bulgaria, Hungary and

Yugoslavia in the next months. On Monday, he requested a meeting with Mr Vladimir Semyonov, the Soviet Am-bassador, at which he expressed Bonn's satisfaction at Soviet readiness to resume a dialogue with the United States and underlined the role European states could play by increasing

bilateral cooperation. East-West relations will be the main theme of the Warsaw talks. But Herr Genscher will also seek to allay Polish fears of revanchism in West Germany, repeating statements he has made that Europe's frontiers are inviolable. In an important gesture, he will lay a wreath at

Threat of early Danish poll over UN vote

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen banning the first use of nuclear

A political crisis is looming in Denmark after Mr Poul Schloter, the country's Con-servative Prime Minister, threatened to call early general elections over Denmark's Nato role and the defence and foreign policies of his minority centre-right administration.

The leftist majority in the influential parliamentary foreign policy committee, led by the Opposition Social Democrats, recommended yesterday that Denmark, which now holds a seat on the United Nations Security Council. should abstain from voting for a controversial draft resolution

weapons globally.

The draft UN resolution tabled by Cuba, East Germany and Hungary, is considered "propagandist" by the Danish Government, which has given the country's UN delegation instructions to vote against it at its disarmament committee stage this week, in defiance of the majority in the Danish Parliament, but in line with the stance of all Denmark's Nato

allies except Greece.
The first result of the Government's move was an Opposition call for a parliamentary debate

Rajiv gives warning on **Pakistan**

Delhi. - Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, who flew to Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh, yesterday to file nomination papers for his old Amethi Lok Sabha seat, found time to warn the country that the modern weapons which Pakistan was stockpiling might be used against India. Mrs Menaka Gandhi, bis sister-inlaw, is filing her papers today to fight against him (Kuldip Nayar

Addressing a conference of air force commanders' in Delhi, he said that whenever there was a build-up like this in Pakistan with outside link-up, invariably India had suffered.

Unlike his mother Mr Gandhi refrained from naming the United States, which is attacked

Mitterrand and Kohl pave way for US trip

From Diana Geddes **Paris**

The resumption of East-West arms talks and the enlargement of the European community were the main topics discussed by President Mitterrand of France and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany at their summit

Monday evening's meeting came 10 days before Herr Kohl's official visit to the United States and a fortnight before the European summit in Dublin on December 3 and 4. Chancellor Kohl has already met Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, and Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, to seek their views on East-West relations and thus present a coordinated European view to President Reagan next week.

At a joint press conference after a working dinner at the Elysee palace on Monday night, Herr Kohl said it was "important that the friends and allies of the United States say clearly that 1985 must be the year of

negotiation".
President Reagan had achieved a brilliant victory at the polls and was in a good position to resume discussions with Moscow, he said. "It is important to seize every opportunity to open a serious negotiation with the Soviet Union, I am convinced that the right moment has now come."

Turning to European affairs, President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl reaffirmed their desire to see Spain and Portugal enter the Community by January I, 1986, although M Mitterrand emphasized the necessity first to examine the economic difficulties inherent in the enlargement of the EEC.

"It should be possible to find a compromise over a transition period of 10 years," M Mitter-

Herr Kohl said it was essential to reach agreement on that question over the next two weeks because it would be "terrible for European politics if there was now a delay [to Spain and Portugal's entry] with unforesecable consequences.

Asked about the alleged Libyan plot to kill certain Western leaders, including those of France and West Germany, President Mitter-rand, who has come under severe criticism at home for agreeing to meet Colonel Gaddafi while Libyan troops were still in Chad, said with a dry for supplying the latest weapons smile: "if that happens, you will be told."

Tamils kill 16 in raid on police station

Sixteen policemen were killed vesterday when Tamil separatist rebels in Sri Lanka's northern province launched a massive ttack on the police station at Chavakachcheri, about 10 miles from Jaffna.

The rebels attacked the police station and its adjoining bar-racks with guns and bombs after placing roadblocks on approach roads. Police sources in colombo said that army reinforcements sent to assist the police had encountered road-

blocks and mines. The police loss of life was the heaviest in any single clash with the rebels. The previous worst loss of life among the armed services was when 13 soldiers were killed in a vehicle that was blown up by a landmine on July

Dr Wickrema Weerasootia, chairman of the media committee, disclosed last week that a total of 96 service personnel had been killed by rebels since 1977, consisting of 55 police, 34 army, four air force and three navy personnel.

On Monday a colonel was killed in a landmine explosion and with the death of the 16 policemen yesterday the total of service casualties rose to 113. The Government yesterday posthumously promoted the colonel killed on Monday to the rank of Brigadier.

Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, the Minister of National Security, yesterday called on the people to honour the Brigadier's memory by acting responsibly and with caution.

Plea to end hanging in Jamaica

By Colin Harding

Jamaica should drop the death penalty for murder, Amnesty International argues in a report published today. Hangings were resumed in 1980, after a four-year break, although a committee ap-pointed by Parliament was still examining the issue. Twenty-four prisoners have since been executed.

The committee, headed by a former judge of the Trinidad and Tobago Supreme Court, Mr H. Aubrey Fraser, subsequently recommended that the death penalty should be phased out and that all sentences imposed before March 1981 should be commuted to life imprison-ment. The committee said it could find no correlation between the crime rate and use of the death penalty.

A high rate of violent crime

in Jamaica, including a large number of gang shootings, helps to account for the widespread popular support for hanging. But the Fraser Committee found little evidence that the death penalty had any deterrent value. Many of those sentenced to die were guilty of heat-of-the-moment killings and had never before been convicted of any crimes.

There were more than 150 prisoners under sentence of death when an Amnesty mission visited Jamaica in November 1983. Amnesty's report found that most were poor and uneducated.

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Siles Zuazo may quit

Señor Hernan Siles Zuazo. aged 71, Bolivia's left-wing President (above), faced with a six-day-old general strike and pressure from the righ-wing Opposition, has offered to step down next August, according to his Interior Minister.

The President is prepared to cut his four-year term short by a year and call an early election on August 6, Señor Federico Alvarez Plata, the Interior Minister told journalists.

Señor Alvarez Plata said the President's decision had broken a deadlock in a national dialogue between political parties called by the Roman Catholic Church to resolve Bolivia's economic and political



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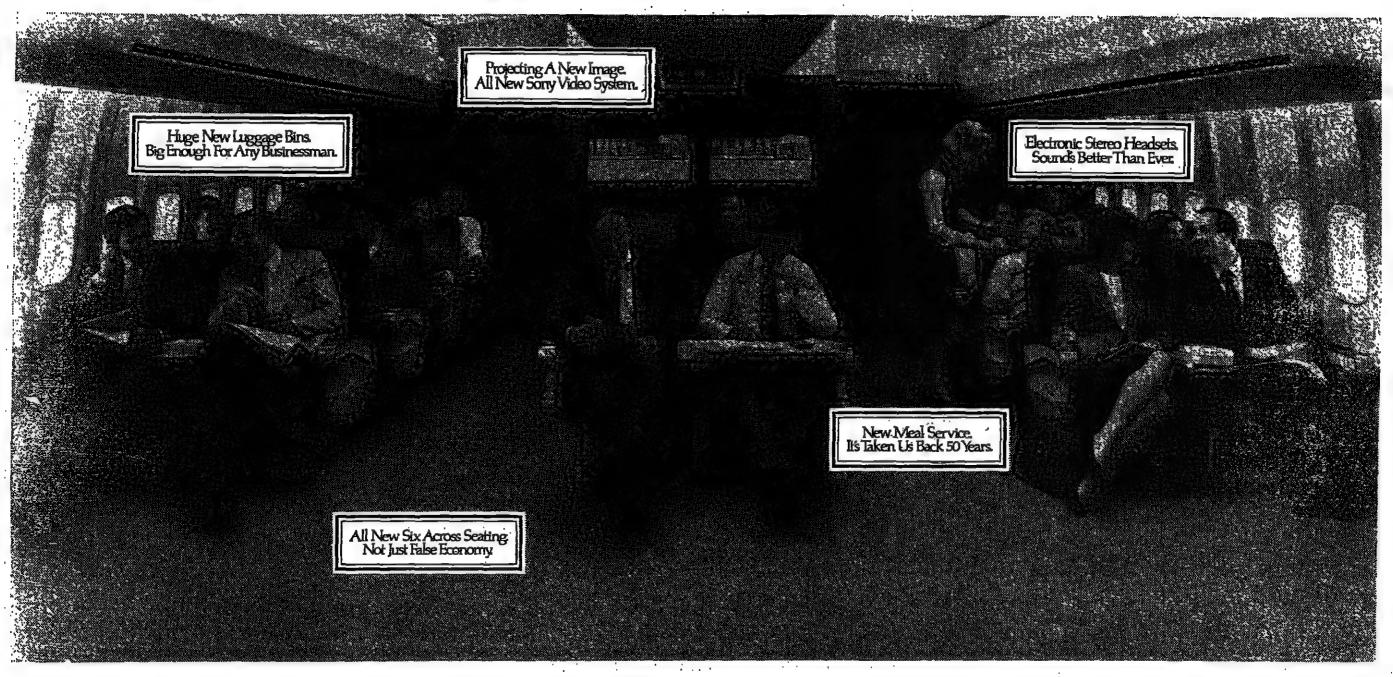
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Silk Stocking I measure wool jersey Dollop sparkling lame Twist sex appeal: Tie a hip-hugging scarlet how round a halter tube, £62 Swanky Modes, 106 Camden Road, NWI or Miss Seffridge.

OPTIONS:

On the Rocks

Large measure satin crepe Diced rhinestones Back buttons Sprinkle glitter down the sleeve and cuffs of a black crepe dress. £235 from Options at AustinTERÉNCE NOLDER

Rattlesnake-I measure black velver I parts flocked lame Dash of moc croc Squeeze a beart-shaped vervel rdice with snake print lame mel and knee length skirt. served up at Harrods, £159.

LORCAN MULLANY

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BRUCE OLDFIELD

Northern Comfort

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Shake a V-necked sequenced dress and add ribbing at sleeves and, bem, £720 from Bruce Oldfield, 27 Beauchamp Place

dressing and where the different



MUTRAY ARRESTS: Phy Zerry Furtists terrets reched bodice on a black velvet sheath, also scarlet, white or all black; 23 from Merray Adject and Frederick Fox, 169 Stoane Street, SW1. Gold and hermatite bracelet and earnings, moself: Indee from Guidir P7 Dig Behn Street; W1. Street plated twenties cocktail shaker from Strand P14 Antiquarius; 135 King's Roads.



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Scarlet Screwdriver

VANESSA'S DIARY

Rushed round to Fortnums and stocked up with a selection of their Christmas munchies. Presented these as all my own work.

Everything absolutely spiffing - glacé fruits gleaming with succulence, petit fours like petit fives, couldn't be more lourres. Not to mention choice chocs, fabulous fondants, and cherries drenched in

given Special Prize for Initiative instead. Anyone can win by sending for Formums



Your face as a priceless treasure new for cosmetics, but research - if not an antique - is the beauty theme for the glitter refined the glitter looks. The

Tequila Surpret
(part spot net
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Inked shoulders
Inke a velvet bodice, which up a Paint a skinny black vest top on scarlet net skirt and defice the attailer length satin skirt in 1253. Caroline Charles I block will cerise, red or blue. Beauchamp Place, SW3, stimes 169, Roland Klein, 26a. Caroline's Collection, Guero Brock Street, Harrods, Roberta, sey, Christian Roberts.

palette.

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evocative name Yardley give to

their latest eye effects, including

eye-shadow duos (at £1.60)

which mix a glistening garnet

bronze with a frosted pearl or a sparkling gold Opulent Magenta. Colorfast from Max Factor have long-lasting lipsticks (£2.95) in their Rich as Public Tong that all have

Rubies range that all have iridescent particles in the strong reds and pinks. The image is

ritzy, but the jewel colours

come through to the mass

market with Sainbury's J range

that includes Ruby Fire, Fuch-

ROLAND KLEIN

California Cool I measure striped satin Pinch of black jersev

Twist of bow sash

sprays in gold, silver or rainbow

effects are on sale at British

trunk sets the tone for Lan-

come's autumn make-up, rich

in leather browns and dull

brass. It could be just what we need to keep up with the forays

to far-flung places and lost civilizations that are a potent

theme for the leading beauty

houses. Estée Lauder drew her

Reagan's Delight Black Velvet

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JANICE WAINWEIGHT

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that we can look like them at the touch of an eye-pencil. You get an awful lot of Victoria Principal in her new beauty

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Wed. End of term at cookery class. Had to present home work for assessment. Looked at my cannon ball Christmas pud, my gloomy glacé fruits, and my petrified petit fours. As for my miserable marrons and feeble fondants - realised Something Must Be Done.

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BEAUTY REPORT

Put a sparkle on your face for the winter season

season. Make-up gleams like silky Kanebo make-up, for jewels, the rich colours laid out together on a palette tray. flashes of gold or bronze for Revion, whose shades are based Iridescent effects, spray-on eye-shadow and cheek colour.
sparkles and high lustre all give Opalescent finishes give a a sense of the rich and rare. The fashionably frosted effect to on brown and coral, lit with frosty rose-pink lipstick or the soft metallic gleam of glamobig-name houses even draw Maxi's Holiday on Ice collecrously gold eye-shadow. Made-moiselle Chanel's famous corotheir inspiration from the great tion of lustre lipsticks and nail art treasures of the past.

A pearly shine to a lip-gloss and a shimmering golden khaki eye-shadow lights up the face roll-on body glitter in electric mandel screens that gave an exotic touch to her Paris apartment have given their name and glowing colours to we painted on the model on this blue and green. Glitter sprays Coromandel eye-shadows, page. The luminous colours are another way of painting on a imperial red lipsWand Chinese come from Helena Rubinstein's party look, used for hair as well Bijoux Colour Collection, by a generation for whom which takes the gernstone coloured hair is a litmus test of

gold shadow. The ultimate in iridescents is Yves Saint Laurent Beaute's shades and sets them in a style. Eleanor Moore's glitter lipstick (£6) in fire-flame red, pearled with pink and named Amarante, the poetic flower that we call Love lies Bleeding. A Grand Tour travelling

Playing with colour is the message that keeps coming through the cosmetic ranges from Ultima II's Great Designer Colours, all strong and subtle, based on reds and browns, through to Elizabeth Arden's provocatively named Colourplays in vibrant gingers

inspiration for the season from and pinks.
The outrageous and artistic Colours from Primitive Worlds, which means a subtle blend of effects created by the postwarm ceramic and cooler punks, who use their faces as a stoneware, the spicy glow of canvas, is now having an effect ribal masks and totems, the on cosmetic houses on the light you make up by - soft ubtle glimmer of bronzes. young wavelength. Dramatic daylight for daytime make-up The Lost Colours of Samar- Art is how No 7 describe their and twin anglepoises tuned on sica Quartz and Burnished Gold tribal masks and totems, the lipsticks (£1.35) with matching subtle glimmer of bronzes. Sparkle and shimmer are not kand have been unearthed by palette of rich and burnished you for night-time.

colours with pearl and enamel effects in the Jaipur and Kashmir nail and lip colours. The professional beauty seems to be the latest starring role for a group of American actresses, who like us to believe The Boots 17 range has that silvery sixties space-age feel to its Metallix range, offered in a cosmetic kit called Colour Cabaret (£6.95). Miner's shine-on colour and lip-gloss wand (99p) gives opalescent effects to match the electric blues and brilliant pinks of the eye-colours of their Shooting Star collec-tion. Mary Quant simply calls-her high-tech colours Out Of

From Mary Quant this month comes a book* to tell you how to use colour, not just in make-up but for fashion. Employing basic photographs and stylish sketches, Mary Quant who must rate as the beauty world's Peter Pan, offers some sound advice and fun

ideas for young dressing. Barbara Daly will be forever pinned down as the make-up artist who made up Princess Diana's face on her wedding day. Her practical and informative book* for Marks and Spencer, shows, in clear pic-

tures, the tricks of the trade.

Those women who think that a battery of cosmetics is all you need will be surprised to learn that to Barbara Daly the single most important factor is the light you make up by - soft daylight for daytime make-up





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I soon found that I had many of the requisites of an English omic writer of the old school hat is, I was accident-prone, nis-read instructions on packiges, had washing machines hat broke down, and went to he wrong place on holiday. The KGB made several attempts to idnap me and take me back to Russia but, as I was always turning up at the wrong rendezvous, going home to the wrong house and getting into a bus going the wrong way, they soon gave up; they simply couldn't find me.

(It is my belief, by the way, that the West's major secret weapon against Communism is nights, the snow in the trees, the

moreover... Miles Kington

inefficiency. The Communist world can never believe that the West is capable of being as inefficient as they are.)

I duly changed my name from Milos Kontunov, acquired a family, house and Barclaycard, and even developed a tolerance to your almost unbearably mild winters. But I now realize that I have been bitterly unhappy the whole time I have been here. A Russian cut off from his mother soil is like a tree growing underwater. Not a day has passed without my missing my sister and brother, Dacha and Lada, my parents, my friends and my little dog, who in my absence has grown up to be a big dog and, indeed, has been dead since 1972. All these years I could have been close to them, writing humorous articles about them, using them as humorous fodder.

possibly Russian humorist misses the KGB have sent me a message to amiable corruption, the Stalin pops in and out of please ignore this article: I shall favour. I miss the long winter

I miss everything about

million vodka-drinkers (Vodka, of course, does not smell. That is how we know when a man is drunk in Russia: his breath recks of nothing).

From time to time I have bumped into other Russians here and the aching nostalgia increases. I once encountered Svetlana Peters at Heathrow in 1976 (I was still looking for my luggage). She, of course, hated to be thought of as the daughter of Stalin, which was one reason she kept changing her name.

"You are Svetlana!" I gréeted her. "Daughter of the great tyrant, Joseph Peters!" She gave me an icy look and swept on. She was an American star by then, of course, a sort of Svetlana Turner. And who knows. I may meet her again in Moscow, at the place where we are trained for press conferences. For later today I am due to fly out of Britain and never sec these shores again. So, it is farewell - and my parting message is: if you find my luggage, you can keep it.

LATER: I have made a terrible mistake. I arrived at Heathrow Russia. A Westerner cannot on time. Unfortunately, the possibly understand how a flight left from Gatwick. The the bureaucracy, the say that I am a hopeless case, corruption, the way and no longer welcome. So be back here tomorrow as usual

Charles Knevitt looks at how the architect Richard Seifert redrew London's skyline . .

Brickbats and mortar

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yery different reasons, with Sir south, then London Bridge
Hugh Casson a plansible fourth. House marks the terminus.
The colonel, who will be 74 in But Seifert has never been an
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major London exhibition, de epinome of the developer's
serves his place in the histony of architect, a term used pejoraticommercially successful archi-tect of the era. While Wren built less than 80 prominent land-marks in the capital, Seifert has built hundreds. Virtually all are of a scale and design which make them instantly recogni-

zable, and intrusive. Look across the West End and there is Centre Paint. In the City, the NatWest Tower, Britain's tallest at 600ft; Knightsbridge, the Park Tower hotel, with the Penta hotel and Royal Garden hotel not too far away, in Cromwell Road and

Ask the man on the Charlem Kensinghan Heading for the omnibus to name Britain's. Mil the will drive past the leading post-war architect and Methopole hotel on Edgware the chances are that Colonel Road; if Birmingham or Man-Richard Seifert will be in the chester is your destination by top three. Sir Basil Spence and train then Euston Square will John Poulson would be my greet you where the famous guess as the other two, for their Arch used to be Commuting guess as the other two, for their sents the London Bridge

serves his place in the history of architect, a term used pejorati-rebuilding London after the rely by his peers in the Blitz, as the most prolific and profession, although he claims commercially successful architects share that fype of client. As he concluded his lecture to the Royal Institute of British Architects last night: "We practise in a world very different from that of Wren, Inigo Jones, Soane and Palladio. We are no longer our own

architectural masters. Who then are the profession's architectural masters? The answer, of course, is predominantly the corporate and anonymous entities that patronage today and reflect, for

insurers, developers who put the deals together with estate agents; and government at all levels through regulation and control. Patronage of this character has produced an age marked by a few good buildings but no great architecture.

Needless to say, the good are tarely speculative office blocks. Seifert attributes his success to hard work, dedication to his the need to keep pace with new materials and techniques leading to innevation through technology. Add to those factors immense personal charm, an intimate knowledge of planning law, skilled negotiation with officials and a flair for coming

Seifert set up in practice on his own account 50 years ago. Apart from the war years he was building at a modest pace, houses (individual and estates) in north London, and industrial schemes such as Hovedean,

Heading for the prevailing values Among them near Brighton Although he is influence of any one client, the rise and rise of the architect during the "Property Boom" phenomenon can be pinned down to, in Seifert's own words, being in the right place at the

right time". Seifert's lucky break came in the early 1950s; the place was Marylebone Road. When Seifert was in his early-40s the man who was to become his most important client was in bis mid-20s. That client was Harry Hyams, who developed a speculative office block which became known as Woolworth House with his two partners, Jack Rose and Felix Fenston. Speculative office blocks for

Hyams' empire were the bread and butter of the colonal's practice for the next 15 years. Woolworth House, completed in 1955 but unlet until four years later, is probably his building, though noticeable by its absence from the exhibition. There followed Space House in Kingsway, Planet House in Baker Street, Centre Point, London Bridge House and Drapers Gardens, among the best known. The last of these was let to National Westminster Bank which, the colonel claims, led directly to the NatWest Tower commission. "A grateful client always comes back", he

Hyams made £27m by the age of 39 largely thanks to the diligence of his principal architect; between 1955 and 1966 Seifert's practice grew from about 12 employees to about 200, with a turnover hovering around £25m a year, thanks to his developer's patronage.

But if the practice stopped expanding with the 1974 prop-erty crash, then it also diversified luto other types of work and into working abroad. An hotel in Turkey, a bank in Cairo, a bank headquarters in Lisbon, a marina in Mexico and a mixed commercial development in the United States are among current projects, as well as the proposed

Hotel, Manchester, and a scheme for Limehouse Basin in London's Docklands.

His son, John, aged 35, is being groomed to succeed him. but the firm today is seen very much as just one of many large, commercial architectural practices producing a particular lobbying is beginning to start for reappraisal of Sir Basil Spence's controversial career and contribution to architecture, so too Seifert has those, like Simon Jenkins, who say the current exhibition at the Heinz

Gallery is the right opportunity to take another look. The Times asked six architects and critics what had been the colonel's contribution, including John Harris, the curator who invited him in from the cold to the warmth of the RIBA's gallery. Though they have all been critical of his work in the past, significantly they all agree that he represents probably better than any other living

architect the "spirit of the age". architecture of Colonel Seifert is likely to be judged on three issues: he was a success in giving his clients what they let him do it; his styles were derivative from contemporary movements, widely acceptable and often popular, at least with members of the public; and he was an innovator in construction

Like it or loathe it, history will probably be kinder to the colonel's architecture than his: contemporaries. Some will never forgive him for what he has done to London, but he is right when he sees the era as part of an experimental process.

Architecture may never be the same again. But if Colonel Richard Seifert had never existed, surely he would have been invented as one of the profession's bogeymen. Like all reputations, time will be the major test of his legacy as the Architect of Pop.

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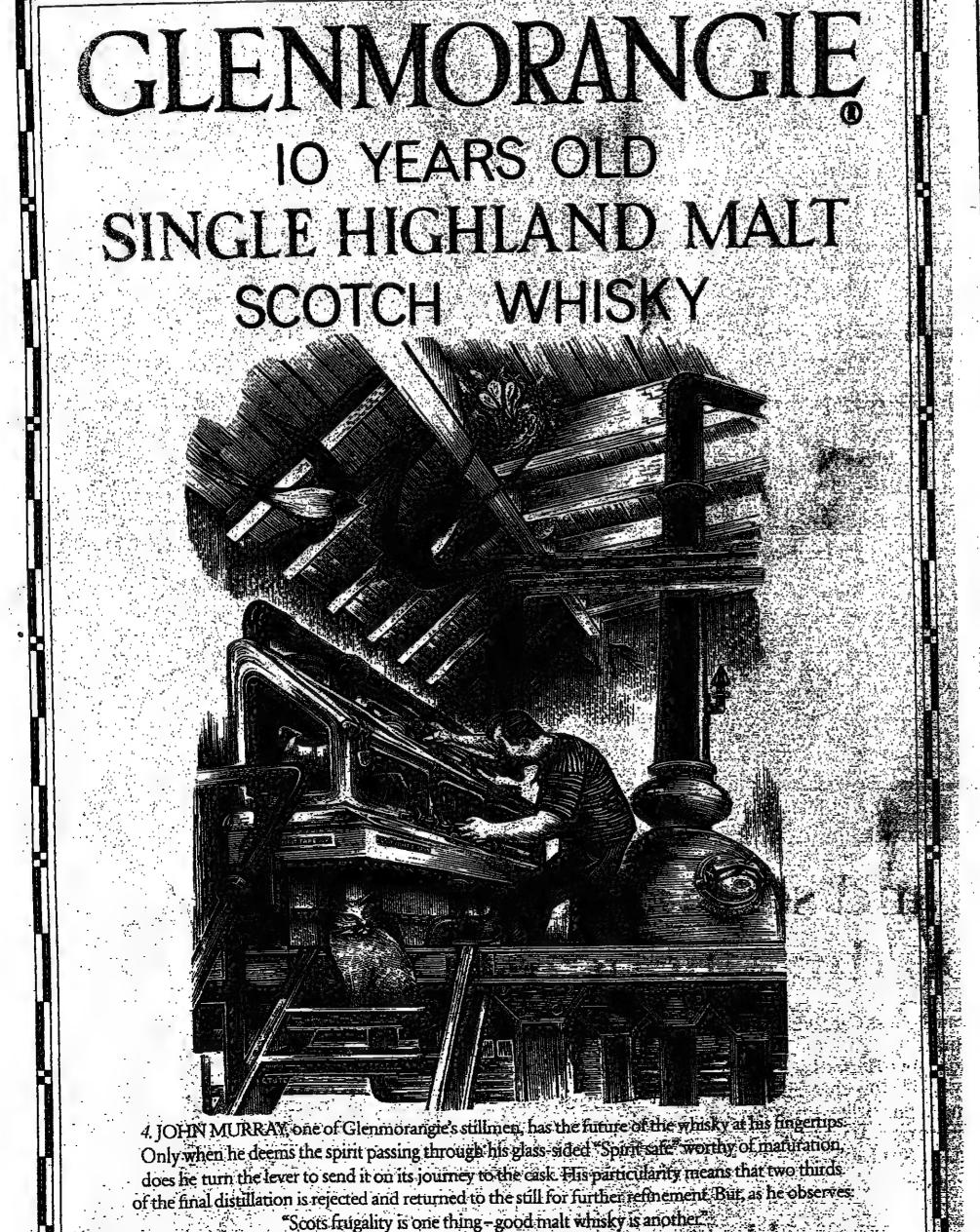
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SPECTRUM 2

while experts examine the controversial results

The Times invited six commentators to take a critical look at half a century of Richard

Seifert's architecture



ratios and of using new planning laws which enabled more and more building to be crammed on to small city-cen-

Centre Point, his most famous building became a symbol of the property boom of the 1960s. It is in a style which might come to be called Late-Jazz - it's certainly not Rock! The cantilevers, arches and lozenge-shaped patterns which he employed became the signa-ture of the age and a distinctive and recognizable style, unlike the anonymous glass, steel and concrete boxes produced by his contemporaries. He also designed some desperately ugly buildings. But some of his work will merit preservation.

Simon Jenkins is political cditor. The Economist, and former editor of the London Evening Standard

RURITANIAN



Gillian Darley: architectural practices whose buildings receive neither awards nor eviews. Romantic iction, rather than iterature. their work is all-pervasve. It is no accident that Richard

Tower Seifert's office is the best-known of these - the Barbara Cartland of the trade, to stretch a metaphor. Here are architects who talk developers'

ranged from the feebly suggesable Ruritanian (the Shaftesbury Avenue fire station) to the bland (NatWest Tower). Not all are commercial or structural triumphs. either. Yet judging him, posterity will see a tireless man unerringly reflecting the values of his time in a society where second-rate goods find no shortage of buyers."

Gillian Darley is a freelance

John Harris: Colonel Seifert has been a member of the Royal for 50 years. No other architect in the history of the institute Bridget Cherry is joint editor of has built so much and so The Buildings of Europe.

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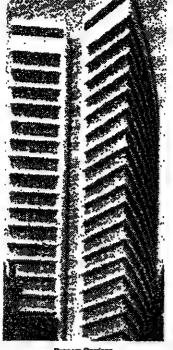
than usual, with a salary to match.

changed the face of London. One can only recall Alfred Waterhouse and Sir Gilbert

The Heinz Gallery is not a Design Council. Its role over 50 exhibitions since 1972 has been o present all shades of professional endeavour without prejudice and with dignity. It can only be instructive to examine and witness what Colonel Seifert and his office have accomplished. In my bicycling days I passed Wool-worth House frequently and it strikes me as one of the best buildings in Marylebone Road and perhaps as Seifert's best building.

John Hurris is curator, RIBA Drawings Collection, the Heinz





Bridget Cherry: In the Buildings of England volume of Cities of London and Westminster (3rd edition 1973), Seifert scores as many entries as Sir Gilbert Scott (joint second after Wren). Recently. Seifert's style has But successful architect-clientrelationships spell quantity, not always quality. Sir Nikolaus Pevsner did not object to Seifert's quieter work (3 Gracechurch Street was "a very satisfactory. design") but detested the coarseness and superficiality of the remorseless zigzagging facades of Centre Point: "Who would want such a building as its image"?

Those jerky rhythms may be architectural writer and journal-historically interesting as part of the . swing against the more austere aspects of the modern are hardly great architecture. In my view Drapers Gardens is the best of Seifert's buildings of the sleeker and less Institute of British Architects gimmicky than most of its contemporaries.

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Piers Gough: For once the Heinz Gallery seems well named for the icties of Richard Seifert. Canned

nothing like the real thing but can be an impressive operation. Speculative office building is second only to mass housing as the most prolific genre type this century. Yet it has no master-pieces, because, in my view, they are designed by developers' hack architects. Seifert is the doyen of these businessmen, the Wizard of the Plot Ratio and Bomb Damage Grants.

One cannot help but have a sneaking admiration for such an operator and indeed he was the first to import various ideas and styles from America. But his buildings chose always to be characterized by a humpish insensitivity that has ruined our

cities in the post-war years.

Not surprisingly in such a huge production there are some vicarious excitements; Space House in Kingsway and the Park Tower Hotel in Knightsridge; and the black shiny Alfred Place and Euston Square are my favourites.

Piers Gough is an architect and partner in Campbell, Zogolo-vitch Wilkinson and Gough.

FAST-FOOD



Gresham's Law, which says that the bad tends to drive out the good, operites in many if not all areas of massculture, as every citizen on the High Street

knows. And the reasons are no hard to fathom. Fast-food architecture cannot be even as good as a Big Mac - layered with real bacon and cheese because architecture cannot be standardized and mass-produced at that level. All his sub-Marcel Breuer buildings have a corn-on-the-cob. character, if only they were edible (these include Space House and Centre Point).

Since 1974 Seifert has re-

canted. His views have changed on high-rise housing, and he has changed from Modernism to Post-Modernism and that should be welcomed. His schemes now are better scaled and more fitting. But it's time he made the next step and recanted again on high-vel-ocity architecture in general; or else broke up his mega-com-missions and shared them with good, under-worked designers. Charles Jencks is an architect and author of Post Modern

Seifert Architecture is at the Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman London W1, until Friday, December 21. It is open Monday-Friday, 11am-5pm, and Saturday 10am-1pm. Admission is free.

The changing face of London Seffert seen behind his creations, from left, NatWest Tower, London Bridge House, Space House, and Woolworth House

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frenzied end is numerical: few remember an autumn when so discussion and partly because even a middling feast in place of famine is cause for gratitude, let us proclaim the gladsome tidings of most shows and leave wringing of hands between the

Royal Shakespeare Company's Cyrano de Bergerac and Much Ado about Nothing have been received with general ecstasy. Even if both productions were duds, the proof the company gives that well-trained voices can be clearly heard without microphones in a barn like the Gershwin Theatre is a point that cannot be overstressed with American producers, directors, actors and drama teachers. Canned sound will always short-circuit the flow between live actors and theatre-goers.

Among other classical re-vivals the only saving grace of Toby Robertson's production of Love's Labour's Lost at the

The road to respectability for American directors these days is likely to be paved with a requisite amount of gore and titillation. Forty years ago, young hopefuls were dispatched to prove their worth on unpromising little melodramas. Now the principle is much the same but the testing ground tends to be strewn with rather lurid elements. Paul Bartel, whose latest film Not for Publication was shown at the London Film Festival last weekend and opens publicly in London on Friday, served his apprenticeship in the exploitation field with the legendary "King of the Quickies". Roger Corman. While he has moved on a long way since then, his approach to film-making is steeped in that discipline. think I'm basically an affirmative person", he says, "But you can't ignore the fact that the cinema thrives on sex and

A large, lugubrious looking man with a manner to match ("Could you please smile a bit", exhorted the photographer; aggrieved reply: "I am smiling a bit"), Bartel has never shied away from pandering to the less refined side of prevailing tastes in his films to date: from Death Race 2000, where contestants in a futuristic transcontinental car race scored points for every person run down along the way (a blind nun on a bicycle scored highest), to Eating Raoul, a satire on Californian sexual morals in which a staid married couple systematically bump off a selection of Los Angeles "swingers" in order to raise enough money to open their own vegetarian restaurant. But what distinguishes Bartel from his more crassly-inclined colleagues, and has helped secure him a substantial cult reputation, is his knack of portraying the worst excesses of human behaviour with a good deal of wit and charm, thus defusing any impulse towards moral

indignation, In Not for Publication, Bartel has moved into rather less contentious territory with what he calls a "Valentine to the comedies of the Thirties, in particular those of Frank Capra and Ernst Lubitsch". Nancy Allen plays the plucky girl reporter on a paper gone horribly to seed, who resolves to restore its fortunes to their former glory. "After Eating of mounting mayhem. "I have Raoul I wanted to do something that had a very different tone to disparity between naturalism

New York critics have been Circle Repertory Company is foreign admirals now looks wondering if it were spring the valiant spirit of the actors. campy jarring spoofs of spoofs This confusion of the beginning One of the finest realistic of the theatre season with its companies in the United States. Circle Rep has been struggling for years to master classical style, as yet to no avail. A new many shows opened. As usual, style, as yet to no avail. A new the quality of the work varies troupe, the Harbor Shake-enormously. Partly because speare Festival, mounted a quantity precludes in-depth lively version of The Tamer why John Fletcher's 1611 spoof of The Taming of the Shrew is

> Finishing first in the contemporary revival class is Pacific Overtures. Fran Socder's staging in Off-Broadway's Promenade Theatre compensates with inventiveness for what is lost of Broadway production. Sliding screens, fold-out set pieces and cloths substitute for flying scis. and with the help of synthesizers a five-piece orchestra does as much honour to Stephen Sondheim's score as the 30 Broadway musicians.

The gain in intimacy is of great value. We know and prehaps care more about the major characters, and the major characters, and the pretentiousness of Harold Prince's stridently political original staging is gone. While the spoofing of such minor characters as geisha girls and

second look at a controversial musical proves it an enthralling experiment in combining western and oriental theatrical pyrotechnics. These may seldom warm the heart, but rarely fail to ignite the

imagination, After the Fall (Playouse 91) is held up by Frank Langella's charm and humour, Arthur Miller's whining protagonist has neither of these traits, but Mr Langella's graceful force-feeding makes this revival bearable. Though sabolaged by a poodle haircut and hideous costumes inventiveness for what is lost of and makeup. Dianne Wiest the scenic grandeur of the 1976 gives an intensely emotional and multicoloured portrayal of the character arguably inspired by Marilyn Monroe, and the scenes between her and Mr Langella build towards conflagration.
In Clifford Odels's The

Country Girl (Chelses Playhouse). Hal Holbrook as the alcoholic actor and Jeffrey DeMunn as his director do much fine work, but sometimes overact to dam the gap made by a one-dimensional portrayal of the title character which kills the play's central conflict. One Broadway entry faded

Paul Bartel (left),

famous for Eating

Raoul, whose film

Not for Publication

week, has a proven

cynical, alleviated by

the wit and charm

portrays even the

excesses: interview

and artificiality. It's a wonder-

fully fertile ground for comedy

trying to persuade an audience

to identify and sympathize with

rather reprehensible charac-

admiration for Kind Hearts and

Coronets while publicizing Eat-

ing Raoul that he was asked by

Universal to write an America-

nized version of the film as a

vehicle for Eddie Murphy and

Robin Williams. With the action shifled to Texas and

shore up the diminished sense

of social resentment, this would

have been guaranteed to send

blood pressure soaring among

purists on this side of the

Alantic. However. Universal were less than taken with

Bartel's treatment and it is now

being rewritten for Dustin

(Bertolucci was a classmate).

Bartel become immersed in the

New York "underground" film

scene of the late Sixties. He

directed a couple of shorts and

then made his feature film

debut in 1973 with a suitably

bizzare affair called Private

notices and came to the

into one shipping case. It's a

lesson I've never forgotten. I

much prefer making films for matter."

After film school in Italy

conflict drafted in to

So voluble was Bartel in his

as, of course, is the challenge of

worst of human

by John Preston

Paying court to the

comedies of old

racial

it something lighter and sweet-er", he says. "I had actually co-

written the script 20 years ago

and no one had been the least

bit interested in putting up the

money. But I thought the time

may be right to resurrect it. The

plot was constructed in the

manner of comedies of the

Thirties, and the heroine is very

much in the mould of those

independent, somewhat cynical

women that Jean Arthur used to

play. But I also wanted to add a

slightly contemporary edge to it

and work against the grain of

the sentimentality. The central

idea of the film is that in the

end the good guys don't always win and the bad guys don't

always lose. People learn to

While Bartel nurses an abiding affection for old Holly-

great fan of Ealing comedies.

Eating Raoul. in which he also

starred, owed more than a passing nod of recognition to kind Hearts and Coronets and

Bartel has clearly assimilated

ously underplaying in the face

that old Ealing trick of rigor-

comedies, he is also a

make accommodations."

fondness for the

grotesque and

with which he

Of the four one-person shows

Frank Langella's charm and humour sustaining After the Fall, building towards conflagration with Diane Wiest

fast. The musical Quilters (Jack Lawrence Theatre) may be most notable as the show which featured !! personable actresses but excited lust for its set - the quilts onstage and in the lobby. Having a struggle is Alone Together (Music Box), a modestly amusing descendant of countless sex and domestic comedies through the mid-

medium to low budgets. I somehow just feel more comfortable within those per-

With Eating Raoul having scored a notable success at the

account advancing deep into the black. A large chunk of these new found profits went towards

helping the director Jim Jar-musch complete his film Stranger than Paradise, which

won him the Best New Director

award at this year's Cannes

Festival. "I was terribly im-

pressed by the freshness of it

and the sense of great orig-

Despite his taste for experi-ment and his fondness for the

grotesque, Bartel remains firmly

grounded in the mainstream traditions of the American

cinema: happy to work within existing genres while gleefully subverting the conventions of those genres to his own ends. "I

films my own compulsions and

points of view. There is an

cruder elements in my films are

partly sensationalistic and in

tended to intrigue audiences. I

about 95 and the mentality of

very Old Hollywood Conserva-

tive: easily scandalized and easily confused. I'm there to

provide some new blood," And

also, one cannot help thinking,

Since making Not for Publi-cation Bartel has finished another film, a comedy Western

with Tab Hunter of all people. ominously titled: Lust in the Dust. Currently waiting to go into production is a little

werewolf picture in which being

a werewolf is a metaphor for

compulsive antisocial behav-

to write and direct a "comedy

be seen first on television in 15-

ultimate destination yel

terms of either style or subject-

Parts, which drew encouraging cliffhanger musical" intended to

attention of Roger Corman. I minute episodes and then learnt a lot of things from lumped together for the cinema. Corman, among them the "I'd like to make as many desirability of making films less different types of films as

than 90 minutes long so that possible. Certainly I don't feel they can fit on to four reels and as if I have arrived at my

iour". After which he is lined up

to hasten the demise of the old.

and discretion."

I am able to bring to my

imclers.

inality.

opens in London this time in his life, found his bank

which opened, only Jo Sullivan in I hear music...of Frank Loesser and friends (Ballroom Theatre) is likely to survive. A cabaret of songs related to the careers of Loesser and Miss Sullivan (his widow), inter-spersed with anecdotes about their lives, the show is sung and spoken with grace and spirit, and breezily staged by Donald

In Zelda (American Place

Theatre). Olga Bellin gives an impassioned performance of F. Scott Fitzgerald's dippy and drippy wife. Alec McCowen's Kipling lasted only 12 performances - a pity, but its producers were ill-advised to put it on Broadway A questionable Broadway survivor is Whoopi Goldberg (Lyceum . Theatre). The name of this black monoiogist is made up, but her talent is genuine. She is a gifted

character actress, though less able as a writer. She invents routines (a junkie in Europe, a Jamaican in America, a wino male tap dancer, a child longing 10 he white) which have sparkling passages but ramble and run on. Mike Nichols, who discovered Miss Goldberg and supervised her Broadway debut, would have done her more kindness to bring her along

abandons her for a younger woman after 20 years of marriage. Simultaneously, she receives a visit from her husband's cousin Denis, a scowling. Muscovite of no settled occupation, who hits the Cognac and offends everybody in the house before whisking the griefstricken wife out to a candle-lit dinner, where, by a thought process that cluded me, each confers some kind of comfort on the other.

If you regard Arbuzov as a gentle humanitarian smuggling small consignments of liberal opinion past the Soviet censorship, I suppose this piece could be decoded as a plea for the kind of citizens who get branded as hooligans and parasites. What remains at face value, though, is a piece that you remarkably little except that marriage is no safer under socialism than anywhere

Chance Visitor Palace, Watford

Considering how few European

plays reach the London stage,

am reluctant to breathe a word

against any management that

keeps its door open to Milan

and Moscow. However, Alexsei Arbuzov's latest picture of Soviet private lives comes as a

decidedly feeble sequel even to

The Promise and Old Times:

not to mention Raizman's recent film Private Life - a

tough-minded and truthful work by a companion old-timer.

Chance l'isitor tells the story of Lyuba, a woman doctor

whose astronomer husband

leather-jacketed

There is nothing actually city, to find her parents under threat of having their house burned down because her implausible in the story. But, in Leon Rubin's production, it combines banality and mystery in equal proportion. A band strikes up in the deserted strikers is considered ambiguous. restaurant and Lyuba pricks up her ears: "That's Johann Strauss", she says, "passing, like my youth", and excutes a little solo whirl. Similarly, there are This is averted by the parish priest arriving to announce that the hunger strikers, following a State, are taking food. The mob. who looked most unconvincing, disperse. Painter Helen is left sage reflections from the old grannie (Rosamund Greenwood) and tearfully embittered exits by the teenage daughter. But how the menacing Denis got his car, or Lyuba crashed it, remain unexplained. Her busband is first introduced as an absent-minded professor, which is no preparation for seeing him marching in to announce his forthcoming desertion.

Arisdne Nicolaeff's translation abounds in tin-cared lines

like "My heart keeps playing me up, and my wife is glued to the television set"; and a sense of translator's English spreads out to engulf the cast's gestures and rhythm, and their long, graceess exits over Fran Thompson's hazardously ramped set. Barbara Jefford brings her accusttomed spirit and intelligence to Lyuba, but it is uphill work.

 The Scottish Arts Council's 1984 autumn book awards. valued at £600 each, have gone to George Mackay Brown for Time in a Red Coat, Liz Lochhead for Dreaming of Frankenstein, Frank Kuppner for A Bad Day for the Sung Dynasty, Alasdair Maclean for Night Falls on Ardnamurchan. Brian McCabe for Spring's Witch and Agnes Owens for Gentlemen of the West.

Television

Meandering through misery

Anne Devlin's The Long March on BBCl last night, directed by Chris Parr, who has had a hand in better things, had the length all right but not the briskness. It was more of a meander through the sadness of Ulster, if the tragedy of it all was meant to be the message, then we knew it already.

Helen, played by Marcella Riordan, was back to Mum and Dad after ten years in England. leaving a busband behind and picking up relationships, com-plicated origionally it seemed and further confused by the political situation. She is soon researching for an old boy-friend, a Catholic university lecturer unhappily married to a non-Catholic, and involved with her assistant, a young man. Helen, too, takes off, and taciturnly played by Adrian returns, strangely as a painter Dunbar, who proves to be a now with an exhibition in the member of the Irish National

The political background was that of the blanket protest and the hunger strikes. The relationships were all confused and the characters stereotyped. Only Helen's father, immersed in trade union affairs and local politics, given substance by James Ellis, convinced:

Where Helen stood politically vas unclear – most unusual for Ulster people. She also appeared fairly feckless. The boyfriend exploits her physically and her university chum financially, by jumping bail.

Dennis Hackett image and rich, poet é dialogue.

Ireland's direction, and there

father's attitude to the hunger

statement from the Secretary of

outside looking at the moon

and wondering perhaps as many of us might have been

doing for some time, "Where

performances from the cast. Peter Sproule gives us marvellous likeness of Churchill. Ultimately, however, the play becomes bogged down in its own complexity: there are so many layers that they obscure comprehension. This may, of course, be the point - Barker introduces the neat device of a clown, an anti-fool, who does not understand what is happening, despite his wisecracks, and who gently pokes fun at the obscurity of the play itself.

The Power of the Dog is at the Lyceum until Saturday, and

Irving Wardie

Theatre in Scotland

element of cynicism in my work and in my personality too. I suppose, I've been accused of The Power of the Dog crudity on a number of occasions and it's true that the

Lyceum Studio,

"My first answer ... to the question "What is history." is hope though that they are offset by a certain amount of charm that it is a continuous process of interaction between the his-Bartel may view the world of torian and his facts", wrote E. H. Carr. "an uneading dialogue studio politics and vast budgets with a good deal of suspicion. between the present and the but in one respect at least he is past." On one level, these are inching into line with the the themes of Howard Barker's Hollywood establishment. Recently he was voted into the latest play, performed by Joint Stock: he explores the gap Academy of Motion Picture between experience and Arts and Sciences and he hopes terpretation. On a broader level, to be sitting on the panel picking this year's Oscar nominations for foreign films. "The this allows him to examine the limits to any medium of communication and the perver-Academy has an average age of sion of truth this allows during

The start is an "historical" moment. At the meeting between Stalin and Churchill to divide up Europe, their inability to comprehend one another renders their momentous decisions almost arbitrary. Going on to talk about history, they become less and less able to communicate through the medium of their interpreters.
Only when Stalin breaks off to himself be painted out of history, re-created as a non-fact by his removal from photobriefly understand.

Barker then goes on to truth? explore the area between what happens in war and what is represented, between individual experience and the impossibility of communicating it. In a series of scenes, each given a photo-caption in the pro-gramme that simplifies its meaning, we are shown individ-

war. All are concerned with telling or obscuring the truth on Many of the scenes are brought different levels - through vividly to life under Kenny photographs, letters, poetry. film, even seance. But no one, are some strong, inventive not even the intelligence officer (Hugh Fraser), can come to terms with the question of what really happened. Through the middle of all this wanders Ilona (Stephanie Fayerman), a beautiful former model, whose dispassionate record of history is made up of a series of photographs of arbitrary atrocitics, with herself in the foreground of each one. It is ultimately she. Stalin's dia-metric opposite, who is chosen to take the photograph of him that he thinks he yearns for, the

unbiased and factual account-The truth is confused, shifted, losi at all levels. For Galina, a Russian student trying to capture the war on film, the. urgent task of art is to bridge this gap. She envisages "whole" film, a medium employing three screens that present the audience with objectivity, subjectivity and possibility all at once, but comes to a crisis verging on madness when she realizes that any art form, to be true, must employ a fourth option - the possibility of self-negation. As an iconic device, she brings up the point where Barker takes off: how do you use a medium of communication to express graphic images, does Churchill the limited capacity of any medium to communicate the

Barker draws convincing characters, caught in emotional and logical traps, struggling to maintain integrity and indi-viduality against the horrible force of something that cannot be expressed. He is at his best here, and where he expresses the complexity of his themes uals caught up in the reality of through humour, strong visual

here was to be found in the B

was despatched with the requisite combination of fire, grandi-

osity and poetry without any

gesture, however spectacular,

seeming merely gratuitous.

Donohoe's keen ear for balance

kept the passion of the wonder-

ful slow movement well under

never doubted that as well as 10

very nimble fingers an equally

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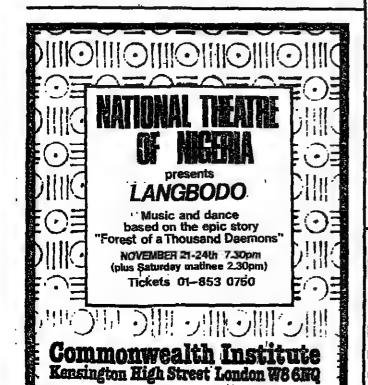
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This was outstanding. Not many pianists can rival the brilliance and command of Peter Donohoe and yet show his depth of understanding. Here he rather bravely tackled music by three revolutionaries of the keyboard, Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy, emerging master, and thus perfect servant, of

Some might have preferred a crisper style in his Debussy, and the finishing sprint in that composer's L'Isle jovense was perhaps a little too racy. Yet everything else in this exuberant toccata seemed to have been placed precisely where it belonged. The weight of the trills on the first page was impeccably judged, as was the degree of swagger in the triplet rhythms of the principal tune. But above all was Donohoe's bristling

reading. It was fully matched by and second-beat emphases on his dash and puckish humour in occasion. But the real substance the same composer's Masques, while D'un Cahier d'esquisses. a minor Sonata. Op 58. which slightly earlier, more slow-moving piece, was full of the mystery of La Mer. hinting also at the kind of orchestration found in that marvellous work.

Donohoe devoted his second half to Chopin. He brazenly

relished the elegance and sentimentality of that composcontrol, while elsewhere one er's Op 64 Waltzes, even spontaneity that dominated this slightly overdoing the rubatos

nimble mind was at work. But it was Donohoe's performance of Beethoven's A flat Sonata. Op 110, that dominiated the evening. This is a work where the composer balances heart and intellect with a combination of meditative melody and contrapuntal rigour, with a dash of fury thrown in by means of the Scherzo. Here it was given a reading that

scarched both deep and wide. Stephen Pettitt

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DIARY

Jndercover igent

book naming MI5 and MI6 licers and which purports to lift e lid off British post-war intellince activities has been sold to loscow by a Republic of Ireland iblisher. British Intelligence and 1 overt Action, by Patrick Fitzgerald ad Jonathan Bloch, was released in ritain last year despite the oppotion of the D-Notice Committee, : 1d the condemnation of Home ecretary Leon Brittan who said it as "bound to place servants of the rown at greater risk than had the ook not been published. Un-bashed, editorial director of Branon Books Steve MacDonagh flew) last year's Moscow International liook Fair and showed the manucript to a "gleeful" Institute of oreign Affairs representative. Last reck he received a contract for the Russian rights from Politizdar. ublishers to the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, hey intend to print 100,000 copies of a book that will have immense ropaganda value. The book's oreword - by Philip Agec, the ormer CIA agent deported by Merlyn Recs on security grounds in 977 - describes it as "a tale of ying and torture, which have been practised in various combinations rom Malaya in the early 1950s to

President Reagan's surprise decision

to quash the American govern-

ment's price-fixing action against British Airways has let Mrs Thatcher

off an arkward hook, and has been

greeted with sighs of relief in diplomatic circles in London and Washington. The decision to free

British Airways from a multi-mil-

lion dollar threat to its privatization

prospects comes after months of

intensive behind-the-scenes and high-level lobbying on both sides of

Many Americans will feel uneasy

at a move which seriously under-

mines the deterrent effect of the

country's cherished anti-trust legis-lation. But officials welcome the fact

that the first Thatcher-Reagan

meeting of the new administration -

provisionally planned for the end of the Prime Minister's Far East tour in December - will now take place in a

"The Prime Minister was becom-

ing almost obsessive about the

American government's attitude",

one Downing Street advisor said.

Industry Secretary Norman Tebbit

and the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, who has visited Washington several times in the past

week, have shared her hardline

As long as American officials stuck to their line that the Department of Justice's case could

not be stopped, a mere dispute over

air fares had the makings of a major

President Reagan's intervention

has come at the eleventh hour.

There was only one month to go

before in the opion of American and

British officials, a federal grand jury

looked almost certain to indict British Airways for fixing prices illegally and carving up the North

Atlantic market with supposed

competitors, in the months leading

to the collapse of Laker Airways in

American officials have bluntly

told their British counterparts

recently that while the US govern-

ment was prepared to compromise

on some points, they had no doubt

that British Airways had a substan-

tial case to answer. British Airways

penalties of several million dollars.

While this in itself would not

necessarily have been a major blow

it could have opened the door to a

\$1.1bn civil suit by Laker liquidator

Mr Christopher Morris of Touche

Ross, the London-based account-

ants. A billion dollar shadow over

Let us today consider the interesting

experiences recently undergone by Mr and Mrs Monty Morgan, late of

Betws, Glamorgan, now of Tewkes-

bury, Glos; by Mr and Mrs Lester Adams, still (though possibly not for much longer) of Southampton; and by Mr Ted McKay of the NUM's

national executive, and his good

nave been liable to criminal

early 1982.

trauma in transatiantić relations.

far calmer atmosphere. 🦈

the Atlantic.

Flagging

Before Neil Kinnock is berated for aking an Aerflot flight to Moscow instead of flying the BA flag, allow ne to defenc the poor fellow

Kinnock, whose office is financing the Russian trip, would have flown BA, if it operated on the days he is flying. Aeroflot operates more flights to Russia out of Heathrow than BA - something which BA said yesterday it was quite happy about. Such an attitude to one of the world's most profitable routes will scarcely have me rushing to buy its shares.

• The SDP really must be short of policies. Liberal MP David Alton asked the Commons library the other day for a copy of Britain's Industrial Fature - a 1920s publication setting out Liberal ideas on industy and unemployment. It was already out, he was told, under the name of David Owen.

At the Bar

Mars has had its taste of more than rat poison. Legal sources tell me a hoaxer was once prosecuted at Reading Crown Court for threatening to bomb the company's factory in Slough unless it coughed up £30,000. The member of staff who took the warning call asked if he meant 30,000 £1 notes. "What do you think I mean," came the indignant reply, "30,000 Mars bars?

BARRY FANTONI



Must fly, Beryl. I'm giving a Tupperware party to raise cash for B.T. shares

Skylab

After the recent quashing of drinkdrive convictions because of faulty breathalysers, the police might like to put in a bid at Sotheby's on December 11. They could catch some manuscripts on astrology, including a treatise written in 1219 by one William of England. It tells how to diagnose a patient's disease and predict its outcome from the stars and signs of the zodiac without reference to his urine.

Swallow hard

Tory MP Peter Rost has had his bluff called. Last year he refused to attend an anti-cruise protest orga-nized by CND in his Erewash constituency, "Please let me know the date of your first demonstration at the Russian embassy in London" he said. "As a fervent supporter of peace I look forward to joining you." On December 8 CND will be protesting outside the Soviet em-bassy, and Rost has been invited. One must always remember: 'one swallow does not make a summer' " he has replied, declining.

Dogged collars

The Church Society, a conservative Church of England pressure group, is spending £4,000 to prove that trendy clargy have lost touch with their flock. It has commissioned two Gallup polls, the first directed at the public and the second at Britain's bishops and fellow clergy. They deal with such current controversies as the ordination of women (which the Society opposes); the nature of the Resurrection (they say it was a "conjuring trick with bones"); the language of the Book of Common Prayer (they say it shouldn't be updated); and whether the Archbishop of Canterbury should get a vote of confidence.

Stephen Aris and Peter Stothard on the tense negotiations behind a decision that has surprised the airline world



Why Reagan let B.A. fly away free

BA would have had a far from favourable impact on its privatization plans.

The Americans offered to sugar the pill with a number of compromises which, they argued, would reduce the impact of the impending prosecution against BA on the civil action. But these overtures were rejected by the British, forcing President Reagan himself to come to

the rescue.
While diplomats on both sides are clearly relieved, the president's action raises uncomfortable legal and commercial precedents.

Earlier US District Court Judge Harold Greene, who has robustly presided over the pre-trial bearings in the civil case, had already expressed his concern for the future vitality of US anti-trust laws. And British officials have expressed their worries in private about the damage caused to the Government's reputation as a champion of free

The substance of the welter of charge and counter-charge goes back to the autumn of 1981, when Sir Freddie Laker's cut-price Laker Airways, riding high since the launch of the immensely popular Skytrain in 1977, came under severe competitive pressure. But the principles and the contradictions go back the beginnings of mass transatlantic travel just after the Second World War.

The original Bermuda agreement of 1946 attempted to square the American desire for free competition and the European concern for price stability. The potential - and sometimes actual - conflict was never fully reconciled, and surfaced in recent discussions between the Americans and the British.

The British argued that if they felt BA had acted illegally in fixing fares, the United States had a recourse only under the Bermuda Treaty, as amended in 1980. The Americans considered that while their anti-trust another alleged price-fixing con-

Bermuda, the alleged price-fixing had not taken place under the aegis of the treaty and was therefore, vulnerable to the full force of US domestic law.

Washington also appears to have had considerable choice over what charges to throw at BA. The Justice Department's inquiry was triggered by allegations by the Laker liquidator that Laker had been driven out of business as the result of "predatory" price cutting by BA. Pan Am and others in November, 1981, three months before the crash.

The events of that autumn are now well known. On October 8. Pan Am declared virtual war on Laker by announcing that as from November l it was going to cut its regular transatlantic fare by 64 per cent to match Laker's prices dollar for

Pan Am's chief executive, William Waltrip, spoke frankly about his motives. "We have put the fares down to make sure the competition understands that there are not going to be any niches for them any more. If they understand what the competitive market place is ging to be, I think the rates will go up.

Laker was not mentioned by name but it was obvious who he had in mind. Pan Am's lead was immediately followed by TWA and British Airways.

It took some weeks for the effects of the airline's pre-emptive strike to become apparent. But when Laker's November figures came in they were terrible: Laker's business on the North Atlantic had been cut by more before. The bussiness was sliding out of control.

Though these events are still at the heart of the civil case they did not, apparently, figure large in the US Department of Justice's action. The department had uncovered

spiracy dating back to 1978. There is ample evidence, it is claimed, to show that British Airways conspired both with US airlines and curiously with Laker itself to fix prices and allocate market shares on the North Atlantic between 1978 and 1981 - a charge BA vigorously denies.

There is certainly evidence that on November 9, 1978 Laker's commercial manager John Jones offered to raise fares between London and New York provided British Airways, Pan Am and TWA undertook to maintain the existing price differential between themselves and Skytrain. The full details of this episode will now probably never be revealed.

Whether the truth is ever revealed or not it has become abundantly clear that political considerations never far beneath the surface in the airline business - have exercised an extraordinary influence on this case.

President Reagan has over-ruled his Justice Department, opened himself to the charge of weakening the deterrent effect of America's anti-trust legislation, and, it can be argued, put the interests of the British Exchequer above those of his OWN CONTURED.

In return, he has bought himself a more peaceful meeting with Mrs Thatcher. Two of his key advisers have argued that unless this issue was resolved, the meeting should not go ahead.

For Mrs Thatcher, the immediate benefits are clear. As British Telecom moves into what looks like being successful privatization, she has cleared the way for the next major state asset to be launched on She can hardly be said, however,

to have strengthened her reputation as a free marketeer. This is the second time in under two months the first was the ill-balanced compromise with British Caledonian over route-sharing - that the Government has used its muscle to protect BA. Nor has she improved the British

Government's case when it comes to arguing with European governments for free competition on the European routes. The Laker affair, sometimes considered merely as a spectacular business collapse, continues to cast a long shadow.

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In the 13 months following next March every trade union affiliated to the Labour Party is obliged to ballot its members on whether to maintain a political fund for this o. any other purpose. Much effort has been devoted by ministers to dressing up the motivation behind this new legal requirement as an innocent desire to extend democracy. They have set an electoral challenge which the Labour move-

Robin Cook

Where is the ballot

ment must now take up with enthusiasm. But we can be forgiven for pausing first to ask why the Government which is imposing democracy on trade unions is not granting the same democratic rights to shareholders. In the past year nearly 400 companies have reported donations to the Conservative Party totalling

almost £3m. Of this generous tribute the only sum paid subject to a ballot was the modest £700 donated by Aidcom International, which showed a commendable if lonely commitment to consultation by polling its applicates about how polling its employees about how £1,500 set aside for political donations should be distributed. Nobody appears to have polled

This bleak record of rule from the boardroom raises intriguing ques-tions. Would it not accord more

with the philosophy which the present Chancellor applies to corporate expenditure if directors were to avoid any such deduction in order that there might be a higher dividend, to widen the freedom of shareholders to choose whether to make a personal donation? Might there not be the hint of a conflict of interest between directors and shareholders, in the suspicious congruence between the companies who dominate the table of donations to the Conservative Party and the directors who have dominated the Honours List under this Govern-.

The absence of shareholders' rights is all the more striking given that a third of all shares are held by pension funds acting on the savings of a wide cross-section of the public. It is highly probable that not every contributor to a pension fund is a committed Tory supporter, but that is the only political party supported to any significant degree by deductions from their dividends.

Even the miners find themselves contributing indirectly to this involuntary levy. A slice of the NCB pension fund is placed with Lake View Investment Trust which last year concluded that the political interests of its members were best served by contributing £3,000 to the Conservative Party.

An enterprising attempt to assert the rights of shareholders over such largesse has been initiated by the Trustees of Gwent Council Superannuation Fund. They wrote to all companies in which they held shares and which had declared a political donation, challenging the decision.

on Tory funds? The stapled volume of replies hardly adds up to a coherent case for denying the shareholders a ballot Many merely assert the legal prerogative of the directors. Hambros states baldly that "the board reserves the right to act in accordance with its views". Sedgwick Group states that this is "not a matter in which shareholders can be involved", and adds, hopefully, "I am sure you will understand this general principle.

Others respond that if the trustees do not like the donations they can take their savings elsewhere the RMC Group suggests bluntly that the trustees "should have the courage of your convictions and dispose of your holding".

> Willis Faber, which now donates £40,000 to the Conservative Party, took the trouble to calculate the portion referable to Gwent's holding and concluded that it had contributed £60 to Tory funds, adding that "your pensioners have had a very, very good value for this expendi-Given what can be ascertained about the voting habits of Gwent pensioners from election results, it is by no means obvious that this assertion would command universal support in the valleys.

Let us translate these replies into a trade union context. Suppose any trade union had responded to such a query from a member by advising him that the purposes of the political fund was "not a matter in which members can be involved", or telling him that he "should have the courage of your convictions and dispose of your membership". Then imagine the explosion of indignant outrage with which the present Government would denounce such an offence to its democratic

We are staring at a double standard as broad as any dual carriageway. Company directors may continue to fork out donations to the Conservative Party without any further consultation, and without any of the disenfranchised shareholders enjoying the right to contract out. Trade unions may only subscribe to Labour subject to periodic ballots, with the defeated minority properly retaining the right to opt out of the political contri-butions for which the majority has voted. No consistent argument of democratic principle can reconcile such a contrast. It can only be explained by partisan prejudice.

Not so long ago, under the last Labour government, Nicholas Rid-ley opposed a Bill brought in by a Labour backbencher to regulate company donations with the lofty rebuke that "It ill behoves the honourable gentlemen to seek to win political battles by seeking to reduce the funds made available to his political opponents". Today Nichoas Ridley sits in a Cabinet which seeks to do just that.

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A tax revolution to help the poor

Ten years ago, a group of young men were grumbling about the level of taxation. One of them cut the others short. He was pleased to pay his taxes. He recognized his obligation to help those less fortunate than himself and was grateful for this opportunity to fulfil it. They were duly humbled as, I suspect, he had

No doubt he is still doing his party piece and adding that popular chorus about the poor getting poorer under monetarism or under Thatcher. All the more reason to be grateful for the opportunity to pay his taxes and help the poorer poor.

However it has become clear that the superior young man's judgement is wrong and his generosity culpably misdirected. The current bout of assertions about the increasing divide between rich and poor is based on the recent Inland Revenue Statistics, 1984. This publication used to be prefaced by a warning that the figures should not be used to make crude assertions about wealth distribution. Not only are they inadequate for this purpose but there are no statistics giving direct information on wealth distribution. The crude assertions also refine an old logical fallacy, Sub Thatcher Ergo Propter Thatcher.

Whatever the doubts about the extent of the distance between rich and poor, there is little doubt that the young man's assumption that the tax-welfare system is the obvious way to reduce it, is unwarranted. Insofar as the poor are poor, they are poor "under" the welfare state. Inasmuch as their disadvantage is persistent, it persists "within" a welfare system supposed to reduce and curtail it. Moreover, it appears that the poor do poorly from the very welfare services designed to give them equal access and reduce their relative poverty.

Next to no increase in social mobility has resulted from progressive educational reforms. Higher education redistributes funds from poorer tax payers to the offspring of richer tax payers through grants - a scandal finally given notice by Sir Keith Joseph last week. This gives middle class" students disproportionate advantages in employment.

Who does not now know how middle and upper income groups have profited from Housing Improvement Grants? And although the NHS does not discriminate so markedly against the poor, they receive less help proportionate to their greater incidence of ill-health.

Throughout the "kind" as opposed to the "cash" welfare state,

disproportionately not only as consumers but producers. They are employed and paid - often well - by state education, health and welfare.

Survey research by Peter Taylor-Gooby shows that lower income groups are aware of this inequity. They "see higher income families as getting the best value from taxes from the NHS, education and state pensions". They would agree with another social policy analyst, Julian Le Grand that "the strategy of attempting to create equality through the provision of services that are free, or at a subsidized price to all, seems fundamentally misconceived".

This scandalous failure implies different policy changes according to different analyses of its causes. But forget, for a moment, the policies and politicians. What conclusion should the charitable young man draw? What should we do to discharge our obligation to those less fortunate than ourselves now we know the state cannot adequately, or efficiently discharge that obligation

To accept again responsibility to be directly involved in others welfare involves a reconstruction of non-governmental welfare. But. splendid though the WRVS, Abbeyfield and the NSPCC are, the voluntary sector is not adequately funded. Moreover, some less familiar organizations resemble state services, perhaps because they are heavily dependent on state grants (voluntary giving has actually fallen since 1974). Not a few are radicalized and dutifully intone the trade union line that they cannot replace "full-time, state services. properly staffed, trained and paid". The line culminates in the organiza-tion which does nothing directly to help the poor, confining itself to lobbying for increased government action.

The recognition that the welfare state has failed suggests that voluntary services should not ape state services and may have a much more than residual role to play. This will require fiscal changes perhaps along the American line of a "Standard Deduction" (US individuals give five to ten times more than UK individuals, allowing for higher per capita income) or one-year covenants. Revenue losses should be offset by reductions in spending on nationalized welfare. Is this the sort of moral revolution Lord Stockton had in mind, with individuals accepting their responsibility for first hand and effective care of others?

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Now a medal for heroes of the union battlefield

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

lady, of an undisclosed address. First, the family Adams. Mrs Adams worked (note the tense, which is crucial to what follows) at the Southampton General Hospital. She was a supervisor in the department from which sterile supplies went to the operating theatres, a job which by the sound of it must be a particularly responsible one. Mrs Adams no longer holds that position, or any position in the hospital, but there is no suggestion

of failure or error on her part leading to her dismissal; nobody has claimed that she sent up forceps liberally sprinkled with the bacilli of yellow fever, or swabs coated in partly used chewing-gum. Her work had never given rise to complaints of any kind, and indeed had nothing to do with her leaving the hospital. Why, then, is she no longer employed to provide the surgeons at Southampton General with shining scalpels and snow-white bandages? I shall tell you. Mrs Adams belonged, in April

1982, to the National Union of Public Employees, hereinafter known as Nupe. Nupe, at the material time, had called out on strike its members at the Southampton hospital; I have no evidence one way or the other about the degree of enthusiasm or even willingness with which they struck, but strike they did. During the strike, Mrs Adams resigned from Nupe, giving as her reason that she "could not bear to see patients suffer". (Presumably, the withdrawal of her labour meant that because the continued supply of sterile provisions for the theatres could not be guaranteed operations

were being postponed.) The strike ended. Mrs Adams resumed her labours, and we may assume that in no time at all she was passing out surgical scissors clean as a new pin and new pins clean as surgical scissors. That was bully for the patients; but she had reckoned without the patience of the bullies. Throughout the next year, as she stated in evidence before an industrial tribunal, she was sent to Coventry at the hospital, and at

calendars with dates ringed and marked "You will die on this day". Sticks and stones, my mum used them to their fate.) He has now had

to assure me, may break my bones, but names can never hurt me. I do not know what Mrs Adams's mum used to tell her, but even if it was the same, she should not allow herself to feel guilty at her apparent lack of enthusiasm for the maternal wisdom; a year of such persecution must amount to the psychological equivalent of a very large number of broken bones, and indeed the fact that she and her husband held out for an entire year betokens a remarkable strength of character.

But in the end, she gave in; she resigned from her job. She then went to an industrial tribunal with a claim for financial compensation; she was able to do this, although she had not been sacked, because of the doctrine of "constructive dismissal". She was awarded some £8,000 (against the hospital, incidentally, not the union, presumably because it could not be shown that the persecution had been

officially organized or directed). There the matter rests, at any rate until I have turned my attention to the other cases I am considering this morning, that of the Morgans of Tewkesbury, ci-devant Betws, and the McKays of No Fixed Abode.

Mr Morgan is a miner who, having been on strike, returned to work, and was then promptly subjected to the attentions of Mr Scargill's tontons macoutes until, as he puts it, explaining his move to. Tewkesbury: "I've been driven out by the bully boys - there's nothing left for us in Betws now."

As for Mr McKay, he has publicly criticized Mr Scargill and his leadership of the strike; even before that, he was a marked man, for behas also been publicly critical of the Soviet Union, and more particularly he actively supported the attempts. by two Soviet miners (Mr Klebanov and the late Mr Nikitin) who were put respectively in a madhouse and home was subjected, along with her a concentration camp for trying to husband, to obscene telephone calls start a miners union in their and to the receipt of such items as country. (The NUM abandoned

to leave his home, also for an unknown destination, having become afraid for the safety of his wife, after a gang of Mr Scargill's bootboys gathered outside it for an evening's intimidation.

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, Secretary of Nupc, has recently been making something of a reputation for himself as a humorous fellow - tres card, presque wag; he had the TUC conference in stitches. Possibly -one cannot tell - he finds the tale of Mrs and Mr Adams amusing (or not, as the case might be). As for Mr Scargill, if past form is anything of a guide, he will argue simultaneously that nothing untoward happened to the Morgans or the McKays and that it was quite right that it did:

My conclusion will be a fairly obvious one; in case it is not obvious enough. I must add one further tiny detail about the Morgans' move, which seems to apply also to that of the McKays. They have not just moved; they have moved to a secret address. Evidently, they fear that the arm of vengeance is long, and those of you who are inclined to dismiss such fears as baseless should first reflect that they are likely to know more about the subject than you do.

We have, I think, come quite a long way in quite a short time. When, the other day, Mr Adam Butler drew a mild and tentative comparison between the attitudes of the IRA and those of the kind of miners who have driven the Morgans into hiding. Mr Gerald Kaufman was predictably quick to denounce the suggestion as slander. (I can forgive Mr Kaufman - a witty and genuinely likeable rogue - a great deal, but not stupidity, for so shrewd a politician ought to know that the fascist left in his constituency will have him out, if they can muster or rig the votes, whatever he says or does; he could tomorrow announce his simultaneous adherence to the Militant Tendency, the SWP, Vanessa's Loonies and the Warsaw Pact without in any way softening his enemies' determination to replace him by one of their

The miners' leaders do not practise murder (though it is worth remembering that Colonel Gaddafi does), so the scale of what they do is very different, not that Mr Butler suggested otherwise.
The principle is the same; neither

the IRA nor Mr Scargill can win by the methods of argument, convic-tion and votes, so both demand the right to attain their causily undemocratic ends by force. It is much worse to blow people up with bombs than to smash their windows, spit upon their children, 'daub their houses with obscenities and put them, night and day, in fear. But great though the difference is, it is still the difference between a large horse and a small horse, not a horse and a cow. Large and small, the horses have

got loose, and are galloping about

Britain. They had better be corralled soon. For a clearer demonstration of the Government's intention to corral them, I have a suggestion for the Prime Minister. The George Cross is awarded to civilians (or to the fighting services in circumstances where military honours are not appropriate) for acts of great heroism, or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger". My reading of the citation suggests that the award is not necessarily confined to time of war. and even if that view is wrong, a comparatively simple amendment would extend the honour appropriately. We have already had many examples of heroism and conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger, and we are likely to have many more, on the new baulefields where the forces of law and the ranks of those unwilling to be conscripted into union armies of violence and intimidation meet "the enemy within". Let Mrs Thatcher single out someone whose courage in that struggle is above the ordinary - perhaps a picket-line policeman ambushed and beaten up, perhaps a miner willing to run the gauntlet of missiles and burning cars, perhaps one of those who have had to endure what Mrs Adams endured for a year - and recommend the George Cross for such a hero or heroine. If she could simultaneously suggest the same decoration for someone who has, say, removed or rendered harmless an IRA bomb, it might

perhaps silence Mr Kaufman. C Times Newspapers Limited, 1984

The article by John Morris about judges in politics has been postponed.

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FAREWELL TO THE FORUM

Dublin was busy reducing expectations of the prime ministers' meeting in the days preceding it. Wisely as it turned out. Nothing concrete emerged in respect of security or political structures. The communique was a regurgi-tation of bits of earlier communiques. The crispest thing about the day's events was Mrs Thatcher's dismissal of the three models considered by the New Ireland Forum, a unitary all-Ireland state, a federal Irish state, and "joint authority" by which Dublin and London would together administer the province. These options had, in reality, already been disqualified for want of satisfying the forum's governments was beginning to present itself as a subject for joint consideration based on own requirement of unionist consent - and in the case of joint some similarity of approach. authority by reason of its manifest impracticality.

Dr FitzGerald returned to Dublin uncomfortably exposed to the taunts of Mr Haughey, who takes the simple view in opposition that the only thing worth going for is a unitary Irish republic, that the only way to get there is via a round-table conference of all concerned, and that Dr FitzGerald's "any other business" uses with the forum report are not only futile but a betrayal of the cause. Similarly Mr John Hume in Northern Ireland is still left without fresh evidence that constitutional nationalism can deliver any-

British understand is the argument of force.
It is politically embarrassing for both men, who invested so much in the forum, that things have not gone forward further faster. They have the consolation that the possibilities are not yet exhausted, though anything that walk out of. There is no gain to

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comes out will plainly be less than Dublin would like for domestic consumption as regards both north-south linkage and the Dublin government's desire to be granted some locus standi within the province. They also have the satisfaction of knowing that the analysis of Northern Ireland's disorders offered in the forum report is endorsed by the British government to a significant extent. That was a feature of the discussions at Chequers that Dr FitzGerald picked out as boding well; what had been for so long a matter of contention between the two

Forumese, the characteristic form of expression for that analysis, found its way into the communique:

The identities of both the majority and the minority communities in Northern Ireland should be recognized and respected, and reflected in the structures and processes of Northern Ireland in ways acceptable to both com-

The last phrase, taken with Mrs Thatcher's iteration at her press conference that she is not seeking to impose a solution on Northern Ireland, reads like a recipe for paralysis, more work for the Ulster veto. Yet at one level it is just common sense. If the objective includes the process of reconciliation between the two communities and the provision of workable insti-tutions through which to achieve it, it is no use handing down a system of subordinate provincial government into which the nationalists will walk if it is one the unionists will simultaneously

security in the province from policing and the administration of justice capable of winning the confidence of nationalists if its appearance rouses unionists to the belief that the union is about to be violated.

Mr Douglas Hurd is beginning the next phase by calling on the Northern Ireland parties to talk devolution again with each other. If it is just left to them the upshot will indeed be nothing. The sovereign responsibility of the British government in North-ern Ireland obliges it to further the process by persuading, pushing and inventing.

No lurch in policy is required or appropriate. What is needed is steady pressure through careful diplomacy of the several purposes of British policy already in place: the integrity of the union until such time as a majority in Northern Ireland wishes it to be dissolved; practical encouragement for the minority to make more positive identification with the institutions of the province, not least its law enforcement agencies; enlargement of the sphere of local and provincial self-government; cultivation of close and constructive relations with the Republic: extermination of the republican terrorism counter-terrorism which provoke each other.

The last purpose, especially in so far as it calls for joint of crossborder security operations, will be best assisted by progress with the others. That is part of the legitimate ground of Dublin's interest in the condition of Northern Ireland. The fear and enmity with which the Irish government regards the Provisional IRA is not in doubt, its capacity to root it out may be.

INDIA'S CHOICES

With the dissolution of the Lok Sabha announced yesterday in New Delhi, India is once again preparing for parliamentary elec-tions. On December 24 the world's largest democracy will go to the polis. It will be the cighth such exercise since Independence in 1947; and the election announcement just two weeks after Mrs Gandhi's assassination is convincing affirmation of the country's firm democratic cre-

Yet for India's electorate of 400 million citizens the choice on offer has never been so bleak or so baffling. As they stand today both the ruling Congress-I (Indira) and the many oppo- after she called elections at the sition parties have little to end of her 18 month emergency, recommend them. In Indian eyes the Congress Party is associated with the erosion of political morality so evident in the country. Over the past five years not even last two years. relations with the twenty-two State governments that comprise the Indian Federation make this unequivocally clear. Shortly after them as Prime Minister. Even Congress won the 1980 election today they cannot agree, alit sought to purchase its way to power in two states, Haryana and Himmachal Pradesh, by financing defections to make up a shortfall the results had left behind. The Congress gain was India's loss.

More recently, this summer, the Indian voters saw the same party effectively engineer the ments in Kashmir and Sikkim; a right to expect more from their and when it tried the same in Andhra Pradesh the sums on offer were as high as £150,000 There is obviously great symper legislator. Clearly, Congress-1 pathy for Rajiv Gandhi in his

This month, as violence spreads through India in the wake of Mrs Gandhi's murder, Congress added the stain of Congress Party members were vote. widely reported to have encouraged the rioters, abetting arson while hindering police action. The Indian papers have named at least three Congress Members of Parliament who were identified in the mob.

For its part the opposition has hardly proved itself any better. In 1977, when Mrs Gandhi suffered a humiliating defeat five Opposition parties collectively won a mandate to rule India. It was to be the second dawn after Independence. It did

By 1979 the government had crumbled as the parties fell apart over the issue of who should lead though the process has justifiably shown up the Opposition leaders as selfish and tired old men. And now with Mrs Gandhi's death their obsession to oust her which could have glued them together once again has disappeared. In her death they have lost their

own manifesto. Faced with this choice at the hustings the Indian people have politicians before any one party can claim to deserve their vote.

was determined to rule India at bereavement, but prior to that there was support for the opposition call for a change. As he showed in 1977 and 1980 when the ruling party was relentlessly removed, the Indian personal involvement to its voter has the canniness to wait record of political malfeasance. and see which party will earn his

> To prove his party worthy, Rajiv Gandhi must ensure that the politicians he runs on the Congress ticket are of a new breed. The hacks his mother sponsored deserve to be dropped. Only then will a grudging respect for politicians return. At the same time, to prove his own sincerity and to reassure the country that justice will always be done. Mr Gandhi also needs to see that his own party men are prosecuted for their role in this month's riots just as severely as he is pursuing the suspected conspirators behind his mother's brutal assassination.

The Opposition have a harder task to win popular approval. They must show they are capable of placing the national need for a united and stable opposition before their own personal desires for preference and leadership. More than that, having lost Mrs Gandhi as a target they must now find issues and policies they can place in front of the electorate to supplant the old obsession with personalities. If they succeed in this and yet lose the election, the Opposition may at least be able to claim they had won the argument and arguments which are soundly based eventually win the day.

LIFE-BLOOD, OR DEATH?

acquired immune deficiency syndrome, attaches a peculiar horror, corrosive and atavistic. After events in Australia and deaths here, the public health authorities must be seen to move swiftly to protect not only supplies of plasma and blood products used in treating disease and injury but, more important still for the longer run, to sustain the unique trust that links blood donors, medical professionals and patients. Statements to date contact with, say, malaria is not by under-secretaries and promises of leaflets are, it has to be said, insufficient. Some robust announcement by the Secretary of State for Social Services based solidly on a defensive plan for the National Blood Transfusion Service is the least that can be expected, and quickly.

of the prognosis for its victims. The infection's origins and means of propagation excites repugnance, moral and physical, at promiscuous male homosexuality - conduct which, tolerable in private circumstances, has with the advent of "gay liberation" become advertised, even glorified as acceptable public conduct, even a proud badge for public men to wear. Many members of the public are the purity of certain blood tempted to see in Aids some sort products. Screening techniques person's first tasks.

style of life but Aids of course is a danger not only to the promiscuous nor only to homosexuals. A fascinating medical detective work suggests that the infection's origins may be tropical. It follows that procedures for detecting potential carriers of Aids can be modelled on the tests the National Heath Service's blood collectors now apply to tropical diseases. To ask a donor of blood for details of reckoned to infringe civil liberties - nor should it be to question men succinctly about their sexual dealings.

The object of the exercise is not punitive. Blood for others' use is a precious gift: the object of policy ought to be to stimulate not extinguish the subtle motives Aids horrifies not only because of fellow feeling which brings people to the transfusion service's draughty halls and mobile centres. The service, creaking on its 1940s foundations and buffeted by the rancour of trade unions which would deprive patients in private health care of donated blood, will suffer from the loss of

donors. Technology is advancing. Heat treatment may guarantee

To the infection known as Aids, of retribution for a questionable may soon eliminate the risk of contracting Aids through transfused blood and there must be urgency about making Britain independent of supplies from other countries where the prospect of profit creates greater incentive for donors to conceal the truth.

> Until then, policy should proceed on two fronts. Strict questioning of donors and the rigorous exclusion of all practising homosexuals should be enjoined on the collectors of blood. In Queensland measures have been taken to fine and imprison those giving blood without disclosing their homosexual experience. Such a step, a drastic response to public outrage, may be too much for Britain but anticipatory thinking along such lines within the Department of Health and Social Security is surely needed. More positively, the Blood Transfusion Service has long been in need of some public relations revamping together with sharper management. Mr Fowler is about to make his long-awaited appointment of a super-manager for the NHS: let a programme of administrative reformation and public education for the transfusion service be one of that

Looking afresh at technology

From the Principal and Vice-Chan-cellor of Edinburgh University Sir, To date there has been little, if any, public comment on your contributor's enthusiastic welcome (October 30) for the proposed Institute of Information Tech-nology. While all concerned with the promotion of information tech-nology in Britain must welcome wholeheartedly the generous reported commitment of industrial sponsors to over £10m of backing it has to be asked whether the objective is not at best misguided (if not, indeed, unnecessary and

undesirable).
Information technology is not a subject, but rather a range of integrated activities based on electrical engineering, computer science and artificial intelligence, and relying heavily on a sound basis of mathematics, physics and logic, plus other cognate applied disciplines.

Only a few universities in Britain, as a result of their own initiative and the selective support of SERC (Science and Engineering Research Council), and, more recently, the Alvey Directorate, have developed high expertise in all these areas, although a larger number of universities and some polytechnics have similar expertise on a narrower

Without exception the development of all these institutions is at present limited by shortage of funds needed both for research and to overcome all the problems set out in the first report of the Butcher committee. These are, basically, scarce, experienced and potentially expensive staff, the essential back-up of modern "state of the art" equipment; and, in some cases, the need to extend existing accommodation.

At a time of great financial exigency in higher education it would surely be wiser to build on existing centres of excellence, thereby promoting both training and research, rather than to dissipate such limited funds as are available on establishing a green field site which, inevitably, will have to duplicate expensive facilities already existing elsewhere.

It needs also to be asked whether the proposed institute could, indeed, train the projected student numbers on the time scale suggested or, in any event, more rapidly than by supporting existing centres.

Moreover, looking to the future, it is self-evident that the basic sciences and technologies on which information technology undoubtedly depends will also be needed for a range of other diverse developments. Yet the information technology institute now proposed will rest on a narrow intellectual base, serving only an immediate

Such over-specialization has long been the bugbear of the British academic scene, It seems a pity, therefore, to perpetuate such a Contrary to popular belief a rating pattern when a similar expenditure revaluation does not, by itself, cause could be used to build more economically and as effectively on existing strengths.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BURNETT. Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
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Forces' fare

From Mr W. R. Bawden Sir, I am not surprised that Armed Forces cooks have received Egon Ronay's accolade (report, November

During the Normandy campaign, as a gunner troop commander, I had a superb sergeant cook. We were perpetually on the move. At each new location he immediately set about building a makeshift oven and delights, even the odd cake!

By trade he was a miner from Rotherham. Yours etc. W. R. BAWDEN. Trowscoed Avenue,

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

A word for murder

From Mr Michael Beaumont

Sir. Bombings and murders in Northern Ireland, Brighton and Delhi show up weaknesses not only in security but in the English language. These attacks are often described as "conardly", yet this form of cowardice differs in kind from that of the soldier who avoids

action through fear.

The archaic "poltroon" may be better suited to someone who takes dastardly action against defenceless people. But to describe IRA thugs or Sikh bodyguards as poltroons is absurd. Alas and increasingly we need a new word. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL BEAUMONT. B Grafton Square, SW4.

Famine in Ethiopia

From Dr Mervyn Hiskett

Sir. It seems instructive to contrast the present unhappy situation in Ethiopia with that in Nigeria, for although a vast area of Nigeria lies within the same climatic and ecological belt as Ethiopia. Nigeria has none the less avoided, not once. but on several occasions, the catastrophic famines that have afflicted its neighbours.

There are no doubt many and complex reasons for this, but one certainly seems to be that, despite formidable political and economic problems. Nigerian governments. whether military or civil, have shown a greater sense of responsibility and foresight in the matter of agricultural development than has ductivity of the Nigerian Sahel today

Mr Gummer and the bishops' gambit May the archbishops and bishops continue to speak their minds. The

Government's standing would be still higher if it were seen to

welcome, not resent, constructive criticism, whether from its own

Sir, Further to your excellent and timely leader of November 17, "The

bishops gambit," I suggest that the bishops and all other spiritual leaders should now add to their

daily private prayers this one of

"I beseech Thee, my most Gracious

preserve me from the cares of this

lest I should be too much entangled therein."

Sir, A Sunday evening sermon in a

university church should surely be

preached from the university pulpit on a Sunday evening, not released in advance to the press through

Mr Gummer was not invited to Cambridge to make a political speech; his opportunistic abuse of

the pulpit is such that he is hardly

imperative to bring the basis for this

tax up to date. As a response in the White Paper on rates, which was

published in the summer of last

year, the Government promised that

work would be put in hand to

achieve a non-domestic revaluation

and that a consultation paper would

be published on a future domestic

urgently required so that a revalu-

ation is brought into effect at the cartiest possible date.

step should be a reassessment of non-domestic property. However,

fairness and equity require a full

revaluation as soon as possible.

TERRY M. MASSEY, President

ALAN J. DUNCAN, President,

Rating Surveyors Association,

IAN V. ODDY, President.

Rating and Valuation Association,

General Practice Division, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors,

Incorporated Society of Valuers and

TONY CHRISTOPHER, General

Secretary, Inland Revenue Staff Federation,

JOHN M. PHILLIPS, President,

time for action has arrived.

Yours faithfully.

115 Ebury Street, Belgravia, SW1.

The first expedient and urgent

Unfortunately little more than rhetoric has emerged during the past twelve months. Decisions are

qualified to upbraid the bishops.

Conservative Central Office.

supporters or from others.

Yours truly,

DAVID LANE

Cambridge. November 19.

Yours sincerely,

Learnington Spa,

From Dr.A. J. Bate

Yours faithfully,

revaluation.

A. J. BATE, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, November 19.

Warwickshire,

November 18.

A. C. TODD, No I Raford House,

49 Kenilworth Road,

5 Spinney Drive,-Great Shelford,

From Dr A. C. Todd ..

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Sir David Lane

Sir, As a friend and fellow-member of the Church of England and the Conservative Party, I am sad to read (report, November 19) of Mr John Gummer apparently joining in the chorus of rather petulant attacks on Church leaders by other Conservatives in recent weeks.
Of course Church leaders should speak with a sense of responsibility and with respect for the facts, like

everyone taking part in public debates, including politicians. I do not myself agree with all that archbishops and bishops have been saying; some of the remarks of the Bishop of Durham, in particular, have been ill-judged and unhelpful. But I hope that John Gummer is not seeking to restrict the contribution of Church leaders to

public debate. Surely they are just as

entitled to comment on current issues from their particular spiritual standpoint as, say, scientists from theirs. After all, the archbishops and a number of bishops are ex-officio members of the House of Lords. What, I wonder, does John Gummer mean by alleging that "too many of the Churchs' current pronouncements" have neglected the requirement that choices be made "with the claims of the Gospel clearly in mind? Reconciliation, for example, is an important part of the

Gospel; has not the Church a valuable contribution to make especially at a time when divisions in our society are so acute? The Archbishop of Canterbury's general comments early last month, in his interview with your Correspondent, were timely and telling. The present level of unemployment - a specific topic of recent episcopal pronouncements - does damage to the spirit in many individual cases and must be a concern of Church leaders.

Bishop Tutu said today on radio, "If God's writ does not run in the political sphere, whose writ does?"

Rates and taxes From the President of the Rating and

Valuation Association and others Sir, No system of taxation can operate fairly and equitably if the

assessments are not kept regularly and frequently up to date. particularly bad example of this is the persistent refusal to sanction a revaluation of property for local rates in England and Wales, although the equivalent exercise has been authorised in Scotland and will come into effect next year.

Values have shifted significantly

since the last exercise in 1973, between and within the classes of property, both in absolute and in relative terms. This has meant that some ratepayers are paying more rates than they should. This problem is particularly acute in the commercial and industrial sector and is perhaps a factor (albeit a marginal one) limiting economic growth and employment. But it has also affected

Contrary to popular belief a rating rates to rise. It merely adjusts the burden and thus promotes fairness between ratepayers so that some pay more than previously whereas others pay less. The adjustment process is, however, related impartially to market evidence.

in the light of the recent decision to retain the rating system "for the foreseeable future"-it has become

Overseas aid

November 7. provision to Cabinet when Treasury ministers were unyielding.

Sir Geoffrey Howe's responsi-bilities as Foreign and Common-

wealth Secretary mean that he (and anyone else in that office dealing

inter alia with overseas aid) is nearly

always likely to find himself having

to establish the level for overseas aid

with regard to other economies

which may be forced on him in relation to the costs of other services

such as Britain's overseas represen-

Hence the harsher deal which

overseas aid annual budgets appear

to have suffered over the last five

years if considered against the levels

projected for all public-expenditure

programmes in the last White Paper

Government.

been saved.

Yours faithfully,

Camp Mill,

RICHARD TAMPLIN.

McNAIR, Dean Heritage Museum Trust,

Soudley, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Yours faithfully,

Banstead, Surrey.

KENNETH G. FRY,

published under the Labour

companies intent on extracting

millions of tonnes of superfluous

coal from its remote and peaceful

woods. The Inspector and Secretary

of State supported our view and

once again the Forest of Dean has

It was a pity that Mr Howells, a paid Forestry Commission official.

vas not allowed to give evidence to

the inquiry despite our requests. We

might then have been able to

establish where the commission.

ostensibly the guardian of the Dean

National Forest Park, stands on this

issue of coal and the environment.

tation and the British Council.

From Mr Kenneth G. Fry Sir, The deep concern expressed over the level, distribution and best uses of Britain's official overseas aid, and the unpromising response of ministers so far, overlooks or ignores fundamental changes in ministerial and administrative responsibility in 1979 and their

consequences. Following that year's general election Mrs Thatcher, in line with the precedent set by Mr Heath, scrapped a separate Ministry of Overseas Development and placed official overseas aid in the charge of a junior FCO minister. Previously -Mr Heath's premiership apart - the separate and relatively senior ministerial responsibility for HMG's overseas aid programme had enabled those in charge to argue strongly for perceived needs and to take any case for additional

Local mines

From Mr Richard Tamplin and Lord McNair

Sir, May we, as two of the "wellorganised environmental lobby", set the record straight in respect of your most interesting article on "Freeminers of the forest" (November 9)?

The Deputy Gaveller of Dean, Mr Albert Howells, seems to suggest that we oppose all coal mining in the Forest, but this is not true. We gave evidence to the recent Opencast Coal Inquiry that small drift mines, such as Freeminers have sunk for centuries, are very much needed to provide jobs and fuel for local needs.

We do not, and would never, oppose that tradition; what we do oppose is the systematic destruction of the Forest by giant multinational

been apparent in governments of less fortunate areas.

But another reason is that, despite the very powerful sentiments of nationalism and even zenophobia that certainly exist in Nigerian public epinion all Nigerian govern-

ments since independence have been willing to make use of expatriate expertise on a substantial scale. expertise on a substantial scale.

I think, for instance, of the agricultural development projects that now exist in most Nigerian states, parily financed by the World Bank and largely staffed by expatriate experts; and of the several

excellent university departments of agriculture, again internationally staffed in large measure. Famine in Africa is not inevitable. Indeed, if one compares the agricultural and livestock pro-

improvement is spectacular. This must be attributed to the good sense and good management of successive Nigerian governments in having given famine prevention a very high priority and to their willingness to use the international resources available.

with what it was thirty years ago, the

This being so, it seems unhelpful and indeed misleading to attribute the Ethiopian disaster to alleged shortcomings, unhelpfulness and so on, on the part of Western governments.

Yours sincerely, MERVYN HISKETT, Cherry Hay, Wrotham Road, Meopham, November 7.

Too much trust in mineral trading

From the Director of the Strategic Metals Corporation

Sir, The Government's decision to abandon its newly formed strategic minerals stockpile says as much about our masochistic attitude towards commodity trading as it does about our Munich-like faith in the eternal goodness of man.

We are, as a nation, the centre of much of the world's mineral trading in all its forms. Sadly we are no longer the warehouse. We allowed that role to be whipped away to Rotterdam in the late 1950s through our failure to comprehend the free port principle and our refusal to accept containerization as a way of

For what is left of our industry we rely increasingly upon the appli-cation of technology and the specialised minerals it demands. In spite of ranking seventh in the world in monetary value of mining and minerals output, we produce scarcely any of those vital to the realization of our skills; no bismuth, chrome, cobalt, manganese, plati-num groups, titanium or vanadium, We do a bit of converting here and there, a spot of scrap recovery, but

we hold no stockpiles.

We rely for many of our key minerals on the Soviet Union, South Africa and China, whose skills in manipulating markets have been manifesting themselves in the trading houses of London in the past few years. We draw critical supplies from such politically sensitive centres as Zaire, Zambia, Nigeria, Bolivia and Chile.

Now we are delivering them a vote of confidence. We see no problems. This is a condition with which apparently we are determined to live in spite of our decreasing ability to influence the cause and therefore the growing necessity to cushion the effect.

There is a simple solution. If any government would take the trouble to understand the commodities industry, if it would match regulation with a reasonable tax regime; investors would fund the stockpile. In spite of the disadvantages many already invest in strategies. I wonder how many more might do similarly if they felt that the opportunity to make a legitimate profit were linked with the ability to protect British industry.

Yours faithfully, DAVID HARGREAVES, Director, Director,
Strategic Metals Corporation,
De La Rue House,
5 Burlington Gardens, WI.
November 14,

The time for talk has ended; the Abbeyfield recalled

From Miss Ann Parry

Sir, So the Abbeyfield Society is celebrating its silver jubilee this year. In your Special Report (November 15) you speak of the "founders", but in truth the "only begetter" was Richard Carr-Gomm who, in 1955, acquired the first house in Bermondsey and invited a few elderly and lonely people (it was not exclusively for the elderly) to move in as tenants. Two years later (November, 1957)

the society was formed and legally registered.

It was ungenerous not even to mention Richard's name in your otherwise excellent report. Some years later he dissociated himself from the society as he did not approve of the way it was develop-ing and started all over again in Bermondsey with the Carr-Gomm Society, which also now flourishes elsewhere.

There is room for both societies. so great is the need for this sort of modest accommodation. Yours truly,

ANN PARRY. Whitebarns, Furneux Pelham. Hertfordshire. November 16.

Paper pounds

From Mr Anthony Rowley Sir, I follow from a distance the sad saga of the demise of the British £1

I have seen few more fatuous statements than that by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, to the effect that the £1 note has a "street life" of only 10 months. Of course it does if it is printed on paper of miserably low quality. The current £1 note is a pale hadow of its former self. We in Hongkong may have our problems, but the durability of the colony's notes is not one of them. The Hongkong 10 dollar note (roughly equal in value to the British pound nowadays) probably has a street life ten times that of the £1 note simply because it is printed on good

quality paper.
I can assure you the Hongkong currency gets no less challenging treatment at the hands of local taxi drivers, shopkeepers and others than

does the £1 note in Britain.

To do away with the £1 note is to further devalue the pound in the eyes of users. That can only help inflation, just as decimalisation of the currency did by creating confusion over the value of coins, effectively debasing them. Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY H. ROWLEY, Business Editor, Far Eastern Economic Review GPO Box 160, Hongkong November 14.

From Lord Ridley

Sir. Why do we not follow the example of Jersey which has had a square £1 coin for some time? It cannot possibly be mistaken for anything else. RIDLEY, House of Lords. November 15.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 20. The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning.
The Hon Robert Boscawen MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the House-hold) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the Rouse of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply. The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell Oxfordshire where His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt) and the Chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (Mr A Allen).

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Manndeville Hospital, Stoke Mandeville Ausehury, where His

Mandeville, Aylesbury, where His Royal Highness was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire the Hon John Fremantle, RN).

Birthdays today

Sir Alex Alexander, 68; Miss Beryl Bainbridge, 50; Mr. John Boulting and Mr Rov Boulting, 71; Mr J. D. Bullimore, 55; Mr John Fernald, 79; Mr Gordan Ferris, 32; Dr Mich Mr Gordan Ferns, 32 Dr Michael Grant, 70; Air Chief Marshal Sir Theodore McEvoy, 30; Professor G. E. H. Reuter, 63; Mr Telly Savalas, 62; Earl Waldegrave, 79; Mr Malcolm Williamson, 53; Viscount Younger of Leckie, 78.

University news

Cambridge University proposes to establish the first professorship of animal welfare in Britain. It will be paid for by a gift of £350,000 from the British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Trust

Luncheon

Lady Mayoress of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster yesterday gave a luncheon at City Hall in honour of the Cardinal Archbishop

Those present included: 1005 present included:
The Chairman of the GLC, the Earl and
Compless of Perth. Lady Phinnmer of St.
Marylethone, the Hon Diana Marigill, the
Dean of Westmittster and Mrs Carpenter,
Captain and Mrs G Elson, Mr and Mrs &
Hall. Mr Patrick Hyndman, Mr John
Poland, My and Mrs & Politer, the New Or I
and Mrs Levy, Father Liddle, Councillor
and Mrs A Johnston, Mr F G Brooke and
Med D M Tewell.

Reception

British-Australia Bicentenary Sir Peter Gadsden, Chairman of the Striven Cadsorn, Chartman of the British-Australia Bicentennial Committee, and Mr John Reid, Chairman of the Australian Bicentennial Authority, held a reception last night at Australia House to launch a national programme of in Australia, the date falling in 1988. Those attending included:

he High Commissioner for Austral art of Gowrie, Lord McFadzean, hackleton, Lord Wilson of Rievani yeart General for New South, Wales W Walson, Sir Anthony Burne

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Bernard
Weatherill were hosts at a dinner given in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of the trustees and council of the Industry and Perliament Trust.

Those present were;

Lord rving of Dartford, Mr. J. Craigen, MP.
Lord Scanlon, Baronest Seear, Mr. B. Wells,
MP. Mr. W. Barclay, Mr. L. Bottler, Mr. B.
Benton, Mr. H. E. Bolter, Mr. W. P. Bownan,
Mies S. Chavter, Mr. G. H. Clarite, Mr. R. M.
Datter, Mr. P. Earl, Mr. A. Eden-Green, Mr. R. M.
Datter, Mr. P. Earl, Mr. A. Eden-Green, Mr. R.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Brigadier Clive Robertson, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the Variety Club of Great Britain Women of the Year Awards 1984 at The Queen's Hotel, Leeds where Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cardiff Castle.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception Present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and Dinner given by the Welsh Margaret Countess of Snowdon was present this evening Bulmer).
The Princess Anne. Mrs Mark

Phillips, attended by Mrs Malcohn Iones, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and the Royal Train. Lady Rose Baring has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE November 20: Queen Elizabeth

The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the North Woolwich Old Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Martin Gillist and Captain James Lowther-Pinketton were in attendance.

Her Majesty was present this evening at a Reception given by the Caithness Association the Royal Scottish Corporation.

Lady Angela Oswald and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in

KENSINGTON PALACE November 20: The Prince of Wales, Chairman, The Cambridge Com-monwealth Trust, this evening gave

Latest wills

Mrs Clodagh Mary Andrese, of Bentworth, Hampshire, left estate valued at £966,999 net.

Mr David Norman Taylor, of Northampton, farmer, left estate valued at £778,026 net. After personal bequests of effects, he left the remainder of his property to the Norman Taylon, Educational and Norman Taylor Educational and Aid for the Elderly Trust. Mabel Rose Impey, of Nutley, East Sussex, left estate valued at £529,907 pet.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Allen, Mrs Anne, of Blackpool, Lancashire £293,965 Edwards, Mrs Kathleen Freda, of

Standing Council of the Baronetage

The annual dinner of the executive committee of the Standing Council

Office Registrar of the Baronetage. Sir Rowland Whithead, Bt, chair-

man of the standing council, was the

Surveyors
The annual dinner of the Chartered

Quantity Surveyors Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Peter Gra-

ham, president of the division, was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, and

City of London Solicitors' Company Mr D. F. Gray, Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company, pre-sided at a dinner held last night at

steed at a climer acto ass night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The other speakers were Lord Quinton, Mr James Sutherland and Sir Max Williams, Junior Warden.

The annual dinner of the British Mexican Society was held last night

Mr W. D. Prosser, OC.

British Mexican Society

Gibb, Mr Robert, of Chelmsford Mr Thomas Leslie, of Grave, Mr Thomas Leslic Oldbury on Severn, Avon, intes Hillary, Helen Elizabeth, of East Meon, Hampshire, intestate £224,108

mpton, at 3pm.,

KENSINGTON PALACE November 20:The Princess Marga-

The Princess Margaret, Countess

of Snowdon was received on arrival at Cardiff-Wales Airport by Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, Her Maj-

Sir Cennydd Traherne, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the

ner koyal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Aird.

November 20: The Duke of Kent was

entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency The Ambassador of

His Excellency The Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey and Madame Gumrükçüoglu at 69, Portland Place,

Sir Richard Buckley was in

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, London Playing Fields Society, will attend a luncheon at the Oriental Club, on November 27.

A memorial service for Mrs Maitland Makgill Crichton will be

held tomorrow, Thursday, November 22 at Holy Trinity,

Counties of Glamorgan. Her Royal Highness.

YORK HOUSE,

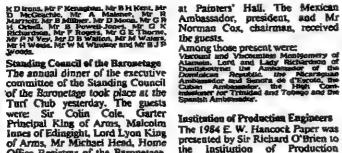
ST JAMES'S PALACE

Levi, Mr Mervyn Thomas, of Maxstoke, Warwickshire £313,541 Little, Mr Alexander Noel, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire Webb-Peploe, Mrs Theods Alber

of Cusgarge, Truro, Corpwall, intestate £275,231 intestate Mrs Arry, of Newark, Simpson, Mrs Arry, of Newark, £206,807 tinghamshire Livo,ov.

ods, Mr Detrick John, of
£243,080 Guildford Surrey

at Painters' Hall. The Mexican Ambassador, president, and Mr Norman Cox, chairman, received the guests.



Institution of Production Engineers The 1984 E. W. Hancock Paper was presented by Sir Richard O'Brien to the Institution of Production the Institution of Production Engineers yesterday and a dinner was given afterwards by the president, Professor M. G. Farley at the Royal Society.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

AMONG those present were:

MY A Australi: MY P H F Burton: Miss M N
Democris ber G 8 Daws Mr H F Gode; Mr S
GHBBYANG: MY D W Hamcock: MY M W
HAROCK: D H Peter Jost: MY R J Miskin:

MY B Nicholaysi: Dr I D J-Massey: Sir Robert
Telford; MY F Turreri: BY Alan Vesle and

yesterday at the Merchants' Hall, Bristol. The Master, Mr J. J. Cockle, presided and the principle guests were the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers, Mr D. C. Tudway Quilter and Alderman G. E. Maggs. Mr R. W. Smedley was installed as the new Master.

Service Dinner

London University Air Squadron London University Air Squadron London University Air Squadron held their annual dinner last night at their Squadron Headquarters. The Commanding Officer, Wing Commander A. N. Wise, presided, and the guests of honour were Air Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, Air Officer Commanding in Chief RAF Support Command, and Professor Randolph Quirk, Vice-Chancellor of London University



Transport of delight: Queen Elizabeth the Oneen Mother at the window of the driver's cab of the steam locomotive, the Flying Scotsman, which yesterday took her from Stratford station in east London, to open the North Woolwich Old Station Museum

The driver, Mr Tony Gooding, (right) present-ing the Queen Mother with an oil painting to mark the journey, said: "She told us she had enjoyed her journey im-mensely, and I think she was a little nostalgic."



RHS Show

Hearts of

green

and gold

By Alan Toogood

Horticulture Correspondent

Only one gold medal has been awarded at the Royal Horricultural

awarded at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened vesterday in Westminster. The exhibitor is Anmore Exotics, of Lovedean, Portsmouth, who has staged tropical plants for flowers and foliage interest, including the rare and beautiful foliage plant, Anthuriam crystallinum, which they are able to offer. This has beart-shaped deep green velvery leaves.

shaped, deep green velvety leaves, the veins being picked out in white

crystal-like lines. In full flower are groups of Calainea crocata, whose

vivid orange bracts contrast strongly with the deep green and purple

Autumn is late this year so the hall is well filled with autumn leaves and betries. There is emphasis, too,

on foliage colour from evergeen shrubs and conifers. Autumn bulbs

are much in evidence, including

lilles, together with orchids; and the

conversion of the show is a collection of late-flowering spray chrysanthemums, staged by the RHS Garden, Wisley.

Several competitions are being held in conjunction with the show

including the RHS competition for hardy ornamental trees and shrubs.

A leading prizewinner is Ann. Countess of Rosse and the National

Trust, Nymans Gardens, Hand-cross, Sussex, gaining first prizes for Hydrangea 'Madame Mouilliere' (white flowers) and Photinia

beaverdiana notabilis (orange ber-

Park Gardens, Sussex has been awarded the Rosse Cup for conifers

awarded the Rosse Cup for conifers shown for foliage effect (Juniperus monosperma, Piceu brewerana and Chamaecyparis nootkatensis). Lord Aberconway and the National Trust, Bodmant, Colwyn Bay, gained a first prize for Magnolia delavayi with large evergreen leaves. Also noteworthy is Nyssa sylvatica (orange-scarlet foliage) which gained a first for Mrs A. H. Potter, of Wentworth Surrey and Pittospo-

a hist for Mrs A. H. Potter, of Wentworth, Surrey: and Pittospo-rum tentifolium 'Garnetti' (cream-edged leaves), which gained first prize for a novice competitor, Marigold Assinder, of London. The RHS late apple and pear competition is well supported with smales but not with reass. There

competition is well supported with apples, but not with pears. Three dessert apples ('Ida Red', 'Cox's' and 'Gala') gained a first prize for C. P. Hollis, of Romford; and be also won a first for three cooking varieties ('Howgate Wonder', 'Newton Wonder' and 'Blenheim Orange')

ange').

In the Orchid Society of Great
Britain's competition, a first-time
exhibitor, Mr A. Wyatt, of
Chistehurst, has gained a clutch of
trophics. He has won the L. G. Page
challenge trophy for he L. G. Page

trophies. He has won the L. G. Page challenge trophy for be best-grown plant in the open and novice sections, with Cymbidium pumisan 'Cooksbridge', and the Myers Trophy for the best-grown plant in the novice section, with Zygopetalum 'John Banks'. He has also won the Wyld Court-Garton trophy for a cymbidium hybrid.

The orchid committee has given

an award of merit to *Phalaemopsis* Zumagold "Cheam", exhibited by Cheam Orchids, of Cheam, Surrey.

The show is open today from 10 am to 5 pm,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F. J. Roos and Miss S. Fitzalas Howard

A marriage has been arranged between Francis Jacques Roos, of 157 Boulevard Saint Germain, Paris, only son of M Jean Jacques Roos and the late Mrs Jean Jacques Roos, and Sarah, second daughter of Lord and Lady Martin Fitzalan Howard, of Brockfield Hall, York.

and Miss J. K. Ashmore

The engagement is announced between Derek John, son of Mr Alexander Sparrow and Mrs Muriel Rose Sparrow, and Jane. eldest daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Ashmore. Mr D. Ashley

and Miss C. Pagano

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Ashley, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sam Pagano, of Boulder, Colorado, United States.

and Miss B. C. Miliner

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mrs L Bloor and the late Flight Lieutenant W. Bloor, of Derbyshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs I. Milner, of Kent.

Mr E. Charlton and Miss E. Bain

Hancock: Dr H Puter Jost: Mr R J Mishter Mr B Mcharless: Dr 10 Hanser Sir Robert Testord: Nor F Turner: Sir Alan Vente and Mr L J Wester.

Gaild of Guardians of Bristol

The Annual Dinner of the Guild of Guardians of Bristol was held dughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Bain,

ander B. A. Dutch, RANEM, and Miss S. V. Andrewartha

The engagement is announced between Brian Aubrey Dutch, of Adelaide, South Australia, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Dutch, of Launceston, Tasmania (recently of Sydney, New South Wales), and Susan Yevers Andrewartha of System, New South Waters, and Susan Vevers Andrewartha, of Loudon, W14, daughter of Professor Emeritus H. G. Andrewartha, of Adelaide, South Australia, and the late Mrs Vevers Andrewartha, The marriage will take place quietly in Adelaide on December 14, 1984.

Mr R. J. Grant and Miss L. M. Rowe

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. J. H. Grant, of Bromley Kent, and Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Rowe, Woodside, Peasmarsh, Sussex.

Mr J. S. Nellson and Miss A. C. Green

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs L. D. Neilson, of Iver, Buckinghamshire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. Green of Guildford, Surrey.

Latest appointments

atest appointments include:

Mr Michael McCrum, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to be chairman of The Joint Educational Trust in succession to Dame Diana Reader Harris. Mr Frank Eric Gerstenberg to be Principal of George Watson's College, in succession to Sir Roger

Mr D. M. Spiers to be Deputy Controller Aucraft, Ministry of

Mr J. Grazebrook

Mr J. Grazebrook
and Miss A. Day
The engagement is announced
between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs
Michael Grazebrook, of The Old
Rectory, Gussage St Michael,
Dorsei, and Arabella, eidest daughter of Mr Michael Day, of 19
Sumner Place, London, SW7, and
South Cerney, Gloucestershire, and
Mrs John Brookes, of Rest Hill
House, Over Worton, Oxfordshire. House, Over Worton, Oxfordshire. Flight Lieutenant J. D. Greville-

Heygate and Miss E. L. Boswerth

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. A. Greville-Heygate, of Downton, Wiltshire, and Emma, younger daugher of Mr and Mrs E. orth, of Nottingham.

Mr L H. Macalpine-Leny and Miss A. E. Alles

The energement is announced between Ian Harley, only son of the late Major K. H. Macalpine-Leny and Mrs Nancy Macalpine-Leny, of The Old Rectory, Doddington, Lincoln, and Anne Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Rear Admiral John W. Ailes, III. USN, and Mrs Cariton R. Adams, of Charlottesville Virvinia.

Mr R. H. F. Merriam and Miss P. J. Gidley-Kitchia

The engagement is amounced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs. P. H. K. Merriam, of Holton Lodge, Holton St. Mary, Colchester, and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. G. C. B. Kemsing Sevenoaks.

Mr C. Stons and Miss R. Spooner

The engagement is announced Mrs Joy Stops and the late Mr Paul Stops, of Melbourne, Australia, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Spooper, of Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire.

Mr A. J. P. Sykes and Miss N. R. H. Treverton The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and

Mrs Philip Sykes, of Great Bedwyn. Witshire, and Nancy, daughter of the late Mr Lloyd Hoehn and Mrs Ruth Hoehn, of Tucson, Arizona. Dr H. Whitehead

The engagement is announced between Hal, eldest son of Dr and Mrs D. S. Whitehead, of Inwoods, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Lindy, daughter of the late Professor Weilgart and Mrs Weilgart, of Decorah, lows, United States. Marriage

Mr D. Robinson
and Mrs J. Vinten
A service of blessing was held at St
Mary's Church, Kersey, on Saturday, November 17, after the
marriage of Mr Dennis Robinson
and Mrs Joan Viaten, now living at
The Corner House, Kersey, Suffolk.

Church News

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The Court of Burkhy, and Rural Deem of Rural Deam of Courter 2, thousand of Courter to Peters as The Rev R A Browning, Vicar of Petersham, discour of Southwark, to rathre on February 16, 1988, priest-to-charge of St.

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Science report

Lasers help re-map Japan

From Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent, Tokyo perpendicular to each other

Laser technology and the techniques for the manipu-lation of light are being harnessed by Japanese scientists to start a nuclear reaction in one project and in another to determine accurately the geographical position of lan-

In the first experiment researchers from Canon, the camers and business machines manufacturer, have belped design the "corner cube" prisms fitted to a geographical survey satellite to be launched in the spring of 1986.

The prisms would be the shape realized from taking the corner from a cabe. About 1,400 of these prisms are to be positioned around the satellite and reflect the light from a

The corner cubes' faces are facing the Earth and being

and are able to reflect light along the same direction in which it came. Accurate detection of the returning light allows the scientists to mea-

with great precision.

The technique to be used on the satellite was researched by the Japanese National Space Development Agency and the project planned by the Geographical Survey Institute and other agencies concerned with

sure geographical locations

maritime safety.

The idea is to use the spacecraft to determine the esitions of the many isolated islands around Japan.

The satellite will be a sphere of one metre in diameter. It will be placed in a low orbit at about 1,500 kilometres. At any time about 30 of the corner cubes will be used to obtain the survey restilts. Similar techniques in ad-

vanced optical equipment design are being used at the Institute of Laser Engineering at Osaka University. Canon has also been involved in the development of the mirrors. windows and lenses required for the nuclear experiment. A laser source is eventually

split into 12 parallel beams which are amplified at specific stages and then focused on one spot through an optical sphere. The concentrated light is then focused on an isotope of hydrogen to produce an atom of beliam, generating in the processes a light pressure and temperature environment which in turn are used to generate electricty. The heat is absorbed by the containing furnace and then conducted to the generators.

OBITUARY

MR TRYGVE BRATTELI Former Prime Minister of Norway

in Oslo yesterday at the age of living by a succession of manual 74, was twice Prime Minister of jobs, including work on Antarc-Norway, from 1971 to 1972 and tic whaling ships, interrupted by from 1973 to 1976, and one of spells of unemployment. He the country's most prominent joined the Labour Party, and political figures since the Secoud World War,

The son of a shoemaker, he belonged to a generation of Labour politicians who, through self-education and hard work, rose from modest backgrounds to high positions in Norwegian life. He was regarded as a man camp in Germany. He barely of unfailing integrity which, coupled with wide knowledge of the facts, reliability and calm judgment, made him trusted even by those who did not share his political affiliations. On the main cause which he

espoused during his time as Prime Minister, however, he was unsuccessful. He believed strongly in Norwegian membership of the European Community, but after a hard-fought campaign for the referendum held in 1972 he was defeated and resigned.

efeat over the EEC continued to cast a cloud over his political life, and eventually undermined

Mr Trygve Bratteli, who died during his early life carued a worked as a journalist on party

publications. When the Germans occupied Norway in 1940, Bratteli was leader of the party's youth section. He joined the Resistance, was arrested in 1942, and was sent to a concentration survived, being rescued by Allied troops in 1945.

After the war he returned to politics and was elected to Parliament in 1950. He was Minister of Finance from 1951 to 1955 and from 1956 to 1960. From 1960 to 1964 he was Minister of Communications. He became party leader in 1965. and formed his first govenment in 1971. He remained a member of Parliament until 1981.

Bratteli was a social democrat by inclination, with a preference for gradual reform in domestic He again led a Labour affairs and a firm commitment government in 1973-76, but his to the Western Alliance and to Atlantic and European cooper-ation in external policy. He was a reserved man of austere his position.

Bratteli was born on January
11, 1910, in Nøtterøy, and habits, known for a quiet and modest style of life and the avoidance of flamboyance.

MR JOHN ANDERSON

Mr John Anderson CB, CBE, who through a long career did distinctive and varied work as a scientist in the service of the Admiralty, died at his home at Haslemere on November 11. He was 88.

Born at Beith, Ayrshire, Anderson received his technical education at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow. He joined the Admiralty in 1918 at a time when serious attention was being given, at high scientific level, to the problem of detecting the submerged submarine, and he spent many years developing means of detection by underwater acoustic echo ranging. This was carried out largely at Portland, at what was then known as the Anti-Submarine Experimental Establishment, HMS Osprey.

It was largely owing to his work in this field that there was, at the outbreak of the Second World War, effective equip-ment already fitted in many ships. He continued this work throughout the war, but the establishment was moved to Fairlie on the Clyde from 1940 10 1946, In 1943 he became Superintending Scientist of the establishment, continuing in this capacity after its return to

Portland in 1946. In 1951 Anderson was promoted to be Chief Scientist at the Admiralty Signals and Radar Establishment at Hasiemere, which was soon transferred to Portsdown, where it was augmented some years later by incorporating the Admiralty Gunnery Establishment, and renamed the Admiralty Surface

Weapons Establishment. It was a bold step to appoint for such responsibilities a man, aged 55, whose background had been entirely in the field of underwater acoustics; but the move was a success, largely because of his personal qualities. "Jock", as he was known to many, was a dynamic personality, giving strong leadership to his scientific staff, and having a quick intellectual grasp of issues involved. In addition he had the ability to get on well with naval officers, seeing their point of view and getting them to see his.

He retired in 1961 with the satisfaction that during his term at ASRE/ASWE it had made important new equipments available to the Fleet.

He was created CB in 1956. having been made CBE in 1950. He also received the U.S. Medal of Freedom in 1946.

His wife, Isobel, predeceased him by 9 years; they had no children.

SIR JOHN CRAWFORD

Sir John Crawford, AC, CBE, who has died at the age of 74, made a distinguished contribution both to Australian life and to the well-being of developing countries through his role as adviser to the World Bank. He held senior positions as a civil servant and then, on his return to academic life, became first Vice-Chancellor and, later, Chancellor of the Australian National University.

He was born on April 4, 1910, educated at Sydney University and Harvard University, and became an agricultoral economist. He first came into prominence in the later years of the Second World War when he became director of research and then director of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics within the Ministry of Postwar Reconstruction. He was one of a team of young public servants, who did much to shape economic and social life in Australia in the postwar period, becoming Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Agriculture (1950-56) and of the Department of Trade

As the main adviser and negotiator for successive governments in international trade matters he helped to create the shift of Australian trade policies towards greater liberalism and to urge industry to greater competitiveness. He was largely responsible for the restoration of normal commercial relations between Australia and Japan and for the development of an extensive trading partnershin

At the age of 50 he left the public service to resume the academic career he had left in Research School of Pacific had one daughter.

Studies at ANU, and from 1968 to 1973 was Vice-Chancellor, showing in both positions a determination that the university's research should bear upon and influence government policy on the major issues of the day.

At the same time he continued and extended his role as adviser and consultant, serving on public inquiries on issues of economic policy and becoming an agricultural adviser to the World Bank. The pressure of this outside work led him to resign at the end of his first term as Vice-Chancellor and he devoted more of his time to the World Bank. His influence in India in particular was reflected in a considerable improvement in food production.

Crawford retained his interest in ANU, and in 1976 became its Chancellor. It was perhaps as a university administrator that his diverse capacities were best displayed. As Vice-Chancellor he had given purpose and energy to the university's research pro-gramme, and his grasp of the broad intellectual influences of his time lent coherence and relevance to his plans for the university's future.

He showed, too, a remark-able understanding of, and sympathy with student atti-ludes At ANU, as elsewhere. student activism flared up in the late 1960s, but it was orderly and found in Crawford a firm but sympathetic administrator who was responsive to the need for change.

In 1978 he was created Companion of the Order of Australia, having been appointed CBE in 1954, and knighted in 1959. He married in 1935 Jessie 1943. He became director of the Anderson Morgan, and they

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MR JOHN McQUADE

Mr John McQuade, who has died at the age of 72, was MP for North Belfast, representing of the official party leadership. the Democratic Unionist Party, from 1979 to 1983, and was active in politics in Northern Ireland for many years as a fiercely loyalist unionist. In 1971 he was one of those who with the Rev Ian Paisley, broke with the official Unionist Party

and formed the DUP.

McQuade was born in Shankill, in Belfast, in July, 1912, and educated at a public elementary school in Belfast. At various times he earned his living as a professional boxer, under the name Jack Higgins, and as a docker. During the Second World War he served with the Chindits in Burma.

He made his way in local politics, and in 1965 was elected to the Northern Ireland Parliament as a Unionist for the and then with the I.L.O.

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and left the party in 1971. He resigned his seat the following year when the Parliament suspended. In 1973 he was elected to the

new Northern Ireland Assembly as DUP member for North Belfast, and contributed along with other members of his party to the turbulence of its debates. He served until 1975, when he again resigned. He was later elected to Westminster in 1979. but did not stand in 1983 because of ill health.

Mr Arthur Frederick Rouse, C.M.G., of Alicedale Farm, Beatrice, Zimbabwe, died on October 15, aged 74. Early in his career he was in the Ministry of Labour in Britain.



DEPOSIT BONDS Notice of interest rate changes

INCOME BONDS

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From 2 January 1985 the interest payable on Income Bonds and Deposit Bonds will be changed from 123/4% to 12% p.a.

ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS ON BEHALF OF HM TREASURY

Citibank

cuts rate

Citibank unusually took the lead in London by cutting its sterling base rate by 0.5 per cent

to 9.5 per cent for corporate

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Reality of a 'white hot' technological revolution

Sir Nicholas Goodison attempted yester-day to scotch growing speculation that the Stock Exchange will be forced to ask for an extension of the end 1986 deadline agreed with the Government for scrapping stockbrokers' minimum commissions the clearance of the stock exchange was opening the Computers in the City Conference at the Barbican Centre, London when he said:

"Internal studies have led to the formation of a strategic plan for technical development to meet the new needs and it begins to look as if it could be the autumn of 1986 before we can intoduce the new market quotation and surveillance sys-

He went on: "We are of course determined to beat the date, but our

ability to meet it depends very much on avoiding technological accidents."

Just so the changes of these occurring would appear quite high, considering the huge scale of the task facing Exchange's growing band of technology buffs.

The Stock Exchange is suffering from similar problems with the technology it needs for its new trading system. These were eloquently spelt out at the conference yesterday by Mr George Hayter, the information services director. The initial systems that would be installed in time to meet the Government deadline would make as much use as possible of existing machinery. Two years after the introduction of the initial trading support system, Mr Hayter expects something much more ambitious. The target system is code-named Mantis (Market and Trading Information System). It will be fully

interactive. Under the initial system, which has been called SEAQ (Stock Exchange automated quotes) in deference to Nasdag, the US over-the-counter network to which it bears a considerable resemblance. all bargains will be done in time-honoured fashion, by direct negotiation either on the telephone or face to face. Mantis will bring electronic, push-button dealing.

Mr Hayter said he believed this sort of automatic dealing would be most suitable for smaller orders in active stocks. This is still by far the most common type of Stock Exchange transaction. About 83 per cent of equity bargains are of less than £10,000.

Sunday shopping off the shelf

This afternoon we will learn the conclusions of a committee appointed by the Home Office to review the Sunday trading laws. It was set up to get the Government off a political hook; keen to invigorate the retail sector by loosening the trading laws, its encouragement of a private member's bill to change the law ran into strong sabbatarian resistance in the Commons.

Now the Archbold Committee is certain to recommend considerable liberalization. and with the support of economic analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, the Government should be able to effect changes. Although the claims of the

impact on sales and employment are undoubtedly exaggerated, the iconsistencies and uneven enforcement of the existing law make reform essential.

The clear gainers will be those out-oftown stores which are building up business on the notion that shopping is fun for all the family; the consequence may be that more and more shops choose to close on a Monday, when the weekend

Mercury marriage retains its sparkle

The eye-catching detail in the mass of material which emerged yesterday about the Akroyd/Mercury/Rowe and Pit-man/Mullens merger is the full-year profit figure from the jobbing "partner," Ack-royd. Pretax profits for the year to end-September were just £9.4 million, compared to the previous year's £16.1 million. It looks very much as if jobbing in the second half especially was a fairly hairraising business. Profits fell from £6.7 million to just £1.7 million. Putting it another way, Akroyd made as much profit in the whole year of last year, as it did in the first six months of the previous year. Earnings per share are halved from 51.9p

to 26.4p.

The S. G. Warburg component, by contrast, offered a smoother picture, mainly because it does not volunteer anything as crude as numbers. All the Warburg board was prepared to say yesterday was that group interim profits were ahead of the comparable period last year. When the merger details were announced, the bank was less sanguine.

Nevertheless, the atmosphere last night after the results were announced was one of relaxed calm. "Little bang", that is the announcement of the merger itself, has plainly proved a success, judging by the high level of acceptances - 90 per cent plus from two signatories to the deal,

The operation is now looking to the future and concentrating in technical terms on those aspects of the four businesses where progress can be achieved before the Stock Exchange "big bang", when the new London gilts and equity markets go live. Stock Exchange assent to allow the introductin of outside membership is one hurdle. Another may well be the formidable task of knitting together 1.700 staff from the four separate businesses, all of which had separate capital structures, and hence salary tiers, into one coherent unit.

Mr David Scoley, chairman of Mercury was at pains to stress the adequacy of the equity capital base at £250 million. In the past. Warburg, he said, had been driven by the profit and loss account rather than by the balance sheet footage. He saw no reason for that situation to change and he felt sufficiently confident last night to suggest that further links, involving Tokyo and New York connections, might well

Forward to halve branches

and Bank's leasing subsidiary. over the next year and there will is to close nearly half of its I branches as part of a restructurng programme, writes Peter Wilson Smith, Our Banking Correspondent.

In order to improve the service to both business and personal customers, Forward Trust is creating 32 business centres in key areas throughout the country, all but two at existing branch sites. The business centres will be fitted with on-line computer technology. Some of them will take over the business of more than one branch, leading to the closure of 23 of the group's 53 United Kingdom branches.

be about 360 job losses out of the group's present staff of Compulsory dancies are not being ruled out although natural wastage and redeployment are expected to take care of most of the

programme Forward Trust is taking a number of other measures to reduce costs, involving streamlining head office procedures.

in the 1984 Budget, which will ultimately reduce the attractions of leasing compared with other forms of finance, have accentuated the need to improve efficiency.

chiel executive, said yesterday that the changes took account of the Budget and were designed to match the changing needs of the group's customers.

Forward Trust reported profits up from £35.5 million to £36 million pretax in 1983 and expects to do at least as well this

WHITBREAD INVEST-MENT: Six months to Sept 30, Interim 2.17p (1.94p) (Figures in £000). Profit, before tax, 3,393 (2.967), EPS 3.73p (3.29p).

 BARTON TRANSPORT: Year to Sept. 29. Dividend on deferred shares doubled to 10 per cent. (Figs. in £000). Turnover 7,978 (7,689). Pretax profit 350 (139).

US growth drops below 2% for first time since 1982

From Bailey Morris, Washington

profits of US corporations fell

said the figures for both new

housing starts and permits for

future construction, which dropped 2.2 per cent last month, were the lowest since

December, 1982 when the

economy was moving out of the

The improvement in the economic cycle in Britain is scheduled to come to an end

early next year, official statis-

ticians say, writes our Econ-omics Correspondent. This is

despite the fact that the longer leading index for the economy

The US economy had another, unexpectedly sharp slow-down during the third quarter, million units and that after-tax with growth dropping below 2 per cent for the first time since the final quarter of 1982, the Administration said yesterday. Revised third quarter figures 7.3 per cent to an adjusted annual rate of \$139.3 billion in the third quarter.

Commerce Department officials

showing growth at an annual rate of 1.9 per cent headed a list of gloomy economic news which confirmed the slowdown. The Commerce Department

released the figures as White House officials admitted privately that growing internal differences among President Reagan's top advisers are clouding the outlook for substantive deficit reduction measures in the new budget.

A core group of nine top advisers have been meeting for more than a week to shape Mr Reagan's new fiscal programme and agree on ways to reduce the mounting defict now projected at more than \$200 billion (£161 billion) this fiscal year.

News of the worsening stalemate over fiscal policy coincided with the reports that US housing starts dropped

Bank has to

downgrade

computer

gilts service

by Jeremy Warner

England's new computerized gilts settlement service have had to be substantially revised because of technical problems.

The Bank had envisaged a

system in which every big user

of the gilts markets as well as all

the market's leading players would be able to settle gilt-edged security transactions electronically through the Central Gilts Office service.

However, it has recently become apparent that it would

day when the Stock Exchange is

due to install its new trading system. This is expected

Last month, the Bank, in conjunction with the Stock Exchange which is helping to establish the new settlement

service, decided to attempt to

build a considerably less am-

bitious service which will be available only to the market's professionals, the primary deal-

ers, inter-dealer brokers, money

brokers, discount houses and

institutional investors whose

settlement will still have to be

executed in the traditional way.

intends to develop the service

originally envisaged in future

Merrett offshoot

pays £1m

for underwriter

Creechurch Syndicate Man-

agers, a newly formed subsidi-

ary of Lloyd's largest underwrit-ing group, Merrett Holdings, has made its first acquisition

and bought the underwriting business of Lloyd's broker Stewart Wrightson for about

The business - Pulbrook

managing agency - has five syndicates with about 600

Lloyd's names on them. The

Creechurch was set up to buy

the underwriting interests of

Lloyd's brokers which are being forced to divest by July 1987

under the terms of the Lloyd's

Stewart Wrightson is one of

Creechurch is talking to a few

Lloyd's top half dozen brokers.

other brokers about potential acquisitions of their underwrit-

ing managing agencies.

deal is subject to the approval of

the Council of Lloyds.

£1m.

It will not be available to the

stock lenders.

towards the end of 1986.

impossible to install a reliable system before Big Bang

Plans for the Bank of

interest rates, higher share prices and improved business confidence have helped the Extra £750m set aside for strike

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The treasury published its £1,260 million is to be met from for public expenditure yester-day, providing details of over-run on spending during the

current financial year. The estimates, which are consistent with the autumn statement planning total for public expenditure in 1984/85 of £128 billion, show that £2,999 billion of additional provision has been sought for the first half of the year, of which £2,207 million counts as public expenditure.

Around £750 million of additional provision is directly related to the coal strike. The deficit grant to the National Coal Board has been increased by £607 million, while the police grant has been boosted by £155 million, in respect of the policing costs of the strike.

Of the £2,207 million of

additional provision which is classified as public expenditure (the NCB deficit grant does not show up directly but only through any change in the NCB's external financing limit).

New York has emerged as the most expensive office location

winter supplementary estimates the reserve and £947 million from existing programmes.

The major increases in voted expenditure are for housing benefits, £389 million, mainly because of a higher number of beneficiaries; export credit services, £380 million, because of higher than expected claims; the EEC Budget, £280 million; and defence procurement, £251

Two separate votes, of £152 million and £143 million, increase the provision for health and personal social services, mainly because of pay rises for medical staff, Additional provision of £147 million is sought for supplementary benefits.

Overall, the Treasury says, supply expenditure is running at slightly less than five per cent above its level in the first half of 1983/84, which is a more optimistic picture than that presented in the monthly public sector borrowing requirement

New York offices become

world's most expensive By Judith Hartley, Commercial Property Correspondent

n the world, pushing the City of London in to second place for the first time in several years. according to Richard Ellis, the estate agent. Ellis's latest worldvide office rent survey shows that total occupation cost in New Yourk's best locations are £57 a sq ft, compared with the City of London's £55. The third most expensive location is

Tokyo, where total occupation costs are £48 a sq ft. Richard Ellis says that the doubling of office rents in New York since 1975 is partly due to the recent strength of the dollar and to the wave of confidence which spread across the US which was reflected in President Reagan's recent landslide vic-

The agent predicts that rents in New York will continue to rise because there is a shortage prime office space. The City London was top of the league table for a long time as far as occupation costs go, but there has been little real rental growth

Office rents in Hongkong have been hit by an oversupply space and have dropped

ment's projections for the said he will not support a tax

election campaign to as much as \$120 billion by the end of the present fiscal year on September 30. An official involved in the talks said: "We are trying to develop features of the budget Members of the core group fear that the increasing deficit will drive up interest rates, given projections that will account for more than 5 per cent of the national output of goods and services this fiscal

year.
But because almost two-Mr Reagan's economic But because almost two-advisers said earlier that the sharp drop in growth was the put "off-limits" for cuts by President Reagan who has also

UK recovery 'to falter next March'

The longer leading index, one of four sets of cyclical indicators published regularly by the

Government, rose between July and October after a sharp fall between March and July, Lower

federal budget deficit have twice been revised upwards, from

\$170 billion at the end of the

Other banks failed to follow Barclays, which cut its base rate to 9.75 per cent on Monday in line with the money market formula it has adopted as a pessimistic they will be able to break the stalemate over fiscal

direct guide to base rates.

Although the Bank of England endorsed the Barclays move by cutting its own dealing rates in line, the other clearing which will allow acceptable growth without a tax increase." banks were waiting for con-ditions to be right to cut their rates by half a point. The Bank of England resisted the extra Officials of the core group, which includes the Secretaries of Treasury and Commerce, Mr quarter-point cut yesteeday. David Stockman, the Director of the Budget Office and Mr rate for wholesale money cased James Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, are attempting to further and it is seen as merely a matter of time before the other convince the President to accept banks follow Citibank's example, with the Bank of a large, across-the-board cut in federal spending.

However, the initial fall in the index from March's level of 110.4 (1980=100) to 104.8 in

July, while probably exaggerated, is regarded by the statisticians as signalling a turning point in activity next March.

Dixons hits

at 'gift

for taxman'

By Christopher Dung

proposed capital reconstruction by Currys, alleging that it represented a free gift of Currys'

Dixons is locked in a biner

bid battle with Currys, and offering 499p to take over the High Street retailer. On Mon-

day, as part of its defence.

Currys unveiled plans to reorga-

nize its capital base, and give

shareholders 150p via sale and

leasebacks of its property

Last night, Mr Roger Seelig of Morgan Grenfell, which is

Morgan Grenfell, which is acting for Dixons, condemed

Currys' plan as completely

assets to the tax man.

portfolio.

inefficient

The Dixons camp yesterday

England possibly timing its approval to suit the flotation of British Telecom shares. Citibank quoted the downtrend of rates in the money market rather than absloute numbers as the reason for its cut and it was noticeable that discount houses were not anxious to sell bills yesterday tha Bank of England's dealing

The three-month interbank

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1,159.4 down 3.0 (high: 1,164.4; low: 1,157.7)
FT Index: 912.8 down 6.3 FT Index: 912.8 down 6.3 FT Gills: 83.04 up 0.10 FT All Share: 549.34 down 3.49 Bargains: 20,199 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 105.07 down 0.37 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1,190.14 up 4.86 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 11,256.98 down 27.23 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,072.52 up 4.91 Amsterdam: 174.7 up 0.2 Sydney: AO Index 772.5 down 2.4 Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1.075.8 up 4.6 Paris: CAC Index 179.7 down 0.5

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Index 76.0 unchanged (range 76.1-76.0) \$1.2410 down 65pts DM 3.7345 down 0.0030 FrF 11.4250 down 0.0325 Yen 303.50 down 0.50

Dollar Index 140.0 up 0.2 DM 3.0080 up 0.01 NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1,2380 Dollar DM 3,0092 INTERNATIONAL ECU 20.597648 SDR 20.901044

INTEREST RATES Domestic rates: Bank base rates 10-9% Finance houses base rate 11 Discount market loans week fixed

9%_91/2 3 month interbank 91%₁₈-9%₁₈ Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 9% 9% 3 month DM 5% 5% 3 month Fr F11% 111%

US rates Fed funds 91/4 Treasury long bond 10121/2-1012/32 **ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export** reference rate for interest period October 3 to November 6 1984, inclusive: 10.616 per cent.

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London fixed (per ounce): em \$342.65 pm \$342.65 close \$342.50-343 (£275.50-276) New York (latest): \$342.10 Krugerrand* (per coin): \$353-354.50 (£284-285.25) Sovereigns" (new): \$80,75-81.75 (£65-66)

Stanley Kalms: chairman of Dixons

He said: "The tax man will receive almost as much from the deal if it goes through as the Currys' shareholders. The company will have to pay £20 million in Capital Gains Tax. and so will the shareholders making £40 million. But after tax, Currys' shareholders will only get about £50 million. It is an horrendous scheme.

The Currys' group, he said would be left with higher borrowings and rentals to pay and much reduced property portfolio, even if the properties fetched present valuations in the open market.

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DISCOVER THE PETERBOROVGH EFFECT IT'S BEEN WORKING FOR CENTVRIES.

Hartons Group and Elson & Robbins are to merge in a deal worth £8.2 million, effectively creating a combined group dominated by a consumer products division with a £10

million turnover. Just two months ago Hartons, the London plastic sheet distributor and consumer products group, applied to move from the USM to a full Stock Exchange listing.

Its terms for Elson are three Hartons shares and 16p cash for every Elson share already held. Barciays Merchant Bank is offering a 71p per share cash alternative. The equity offer values Elson at 82.6p per share compared with 68p before the

Elson share jumped to 77p vesterday. Hartons eased 2p to 48p. No offer is being made for the Preference shares.

Harton has promises of acceptance from shareholders with almost 20 per cent of the equity. These include the directors with 6.25 per cent and Francis Sumner (Holdings). acting in concert with Hartons.

with 4.65 per cent. Elson's results which accompanied the merger terms how that pretax profits in the year to the end of last September fell from £1.21 million to £864.000 on a chairman, Mr Nicholas Kittoe

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

turnover which dropped from as chief executive and £18.23 million to £15.12 million Jeffrey Kaplan as a director.

Romana to raise £2m

Steaua Romana, a British company which once had oil interest in Romania, is seeking on the Unlisted Securities Market to raise £2 million from shareholders to pay part of the cost of buying American oil and gas wells.

Romana' largest shareholder, Clabir International which first bought into the company in March this year, has promised to take up the rights on its entire 66.5 per cent stake guaranteeing a minimum £1.27 million for

the company Clabir, an American invest-ment company, announced last week that it was the new owner of a near 20 per cent stake in the USM-guoted Yelverton investment company. Three Clabir executives have taken over at Yelverton. The two companies now have Mr Henry Clark as

as chief executive and Mr Romana is paying a maximum of \$9 million to acquire.

from an United States subsidi-ary of Sulpetro of Canada, 216 oil and gas producing wells and exploration rights to about 157,000 undelveloped acres. The purchase is conditional on satisfactory investigations and the Stock Exchange granting Romana's shares to be quoted on the USM before December

Terms of the rights issue are one new Romana ordinary restricted voting share at 32p for every two existing shares held, and compare with a quotation for the shares last night of 34p. The issue is not

• C E HEATH, the insurance broking group, reported interim pretax profits to September 30 up 47.2 per cent from £9.3 million last year to £13.7 million this time. Group broking profits rose from £4.9 million to £6.2 million and underwriting profits increased to £7 million from £3.9 million

Tempus, page 23 profit 92 (152).

Hartons Group plans £8m merger ● YOUNG'S BREWERY is to pay an interim dividend of 3 2.5p), after pretax profits for the six months to September 30 rose from £1.6 million to £1.7 Tempus, page 23

> • METAL BOX is to pay an interim dividend of 6.1p (5.8p) for the six months trading to September 30, after pretax profits improved from £30.3 million to £31.7 million. Tempus, page 23

 NORTHERN AMERICAN TRUST: Final 4.6p making 6p (5.4p) for the year to October 31. Revenue after charges and tax £2.165.108 (£1,853.731). The United Kingdom tax charged in arriving at above figure: corporation tax £501,398 (313,071) and imputation tax £676,243 (£670,690). Earnings per share 6.32p (5.39p).

subsidiary Clough & Wood (Gaskets), has acquired the fixed trading
assets, goodwill and trading name of
Dolphin Automatica Dolphin Automotive Parts from Marshalls Universals for £175,000 SHEFFIELD BRICK GROUP:
Six months to June 30. No interim
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MARLING INDUSTRIES

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1984 Interim Results
(six months to 30th September, 1984 - unaudited)

"Six months of continued progress, especially in the U.S.A."

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| Group turnover | 1984 €M <u>155.9</u> | 1983 £M 149.1 |
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| Profit before tax Net earnings per share Dividend per share | 3.8 3.2p 1.8p | 3.3 2.7p 1.8p |

Copies of the Interim Report are available from the Secretary LCP HOLDINGS pic The Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 7LZ

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IONEY MARKETS

The Dow Jones industrial average was up about four points to under 1190. Overall, losing issues held a slight lead New York, (Reuter) - Wall Street stock prices were mixed in early trading yesterday as blue chip issues staged a rally despite gloomy economic news. over gaining issues.

here it held for the rest of the orning. A slight firming tablished 10 per cent for the st part of the afternoon, but ere was a dip to 9½ per cent in a later part of the session. However, which the closing minutes, which 101/10 per cent before a ions in the periods. Interbank m deposits showed little The shorter sterling certifites of deposit went a trifle mer on their rates towards the ish. This reflected concern INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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poor profit figures, the share

price looks ever more likely to

slip back below the magic 200p.

Trusthouse Forte, the hotel

group, rose Ip to 134p yesterday.

L Messel, the broker, expects 1983/84 profits to hit £110

million (£82 milliom). It expects

15 per cent growth in the present

year and says the shares we

Yorkshire Chemicals showed

Bank shares showed signs of

deteriorating prices stemming from rumours of bad debts and,

unlikely in the BT shadow, a

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Hambros Bank gained 8p to

roup has sold off loss-making

shaded a few pennies.

US oil and gas interests.

some spark, jumping 5p to 62p, on the back of speculative

worth buying.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Speculation gives oil shares another bout of jitters

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

some big buyers around.

down 8p to 111p.

Metal Box fell 12p to 340p on

disappointment with its figures.

was also weak on its results,

The P & O shipping group

was again an active counter. At

Industries finished just 2p off at

266p after, at one time, sinking

bidder expects to achieve a full

Birmingham-based equipment

maker for the chemical and

59p. Market men are hoping for

more action in the shares' following the declaration by Amari of a 10.3 percent holding

Plessey, where dealers reckon

Nervousness and rumour fluttered around the oil pitches yesterday, leaving share prices lower for the second successive

A variety of worries has beset the oil industry in recent weeks, leaving world spot prices weak and vulnerable. The latest rumour is that Norway intends to again cut its oil prices, and so further undermine spot levels.

Some market men even heard that the British National oil corporation might be forced to trim its prices putting further pressure on producers.

But analysts at Wood. Mackenzie, the stockbroking firm, reckon the latter suggestion highly unlikely and the possibility of cuts by the Norwegians as nothing to worry

The price of Norway's Brent crude is still about 25 cents a barrel higher than BNOC prices, despite a cut at the start of this month, Any price cut for December would simply bring Norwegian oil back in line.

A spokesman for Wood, Mackenzie said: That means there's no pressure on BNOC to bring prices down, even if the Norwegians make such a move

for next month".
Nevertheless, share prices felt the chill of market talk and there were double figure losses for BP and Shell, down 10p and 30p respectively. Even Lasmo slipped back 5p to 351p - the slipped back 5p to 351p - the on its 'take-away' bid defence, shares have been firm-recently. Bidders Dixons Group was on a mixture of exploration and unchanged at 379p. takeover hopes - and there were losses of a few pence for Britoil, Burmah, Enterprise, Tricentrol

and Ultramar. Elsewere the stock market was once again dominated by the British Telecom issue. Trading remained light with most City minds directed towards the BT sale. At the close the FT 30 share index was registering a 6.3 points fall to 912.8 points, a little above its worst level of the day.

The SE FT share index was also off its lowest point at 1.159.1 points, a fall of 8.3

A firmer Wall Street opening inprove sentiment helped towards the close but the market remained a little be-

Start of dealings in Access Satellite, the controversial new issue has been brought forward from Monday to Friday. The tender share sale two and a half times oversubscribed at 160p (150p minimum) despite worries about the company and its

mused by the failure of any of the other high street clearing banks to at least follow the example of Barclay's Bank and lower base rates.

But American favourites had poor session. Imperial Chemical industries closed 8p down at

Government stocks opened lower but then staged a modest rally to close unchanged on the day. The market was inhibited worries over transatiantic

interest rates. Insurance brokers were firm. helped along by the 47 per cent interim profits advance by C E Heath which rose 15p to 488p. Willis Faber finished 8p higher at 483p and Stewart Wrightson 16p better a 426p.

S. R. Gent fell a further 4p to to 238p on renewed suggestions large chunks of stock are being 54p on its profit warning and that the Rockwell Group, the offloaded, fell another 4p to 154p on its profit warning and that the Rockwell Group, the Polly Peck, ahead of figures lost big US operation, is keen to bid. There has in the past week been deep interest in TI shares with

Beer shares were subdued. Today, Whitbread becomes the first national to report in the present beer profits season when it announces interim and MK Electric, results today results. The market is expecting lost 7p to 3180p. HAT Group a figure of about £58 million compared with £50 million in the same period last year.

Bass, due to report full year figures soon, was 2p stronger at one time up 3p to 309p it closed 430p. Guesses of he Bass figures 1p lower at 305p. Lacas range up to £235 million.

Stores were firm. Weelworth's continued to move into to 263p. new high ground with a 7p advance to 570p.

Fading bid hopes trimmed United Scientific 5p to 220p and Unilever looks to have finished the sell-off its transport interests. The last to go is The Norfolk Line, a trailer and ferry business. The prospective buyer is The Maersk Company, part of the Danish A P Moller group. In the past year, Unilever disposed, of several transport businesses, including Unispeed and SPD. Unilever shares

Style, where British Land bids hopes still linger, rose 2p to 153p and Our Price Records despite a good profits performance and a share spir. Fully listed Elson and Robbins jumped 10p to 78p following a bid from USM-traded Hartons. The jumped 8p to 316p following cheerful annual meeting comments. Home Charm Group rose 10p to 330p as the company displayed its new Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, in Herts, superstore-to City analisting next year,
Plastic Constructions, the engineering industries, rose op to a new high for the year of

were unmoved yesterday, Sp lower at 1035p.

Currys Group fell 20p to 364p

Cullen's Stores rose 10p to 435p on hopes that former Asda executive, Mr John Fletcher, will attempt to counter the £6.6 million offer from former Imperial Group executives.

Newcomer Wardle Storeys offered at 132p, made a bright debut. It touched 164p before settling at 157p.

Photo-Me International continued to make rapid headway on a tip sheet mention, gaining a further 30p to 985p. It jumped 110p on Monday.

Shares of International Signa and Control Group eased 2p to 280p as 59-year-old American Mr Richard Holmberg asked to be given early retirement from the board which he joined just I i months ago.

He wants to start a small hitech business pitching for American defence contracts and fears a conflict of Interests. Mr John Hartley, a director in London, says: "There's no split, we're still very good friends."

Mr Holmberg said from the US that he hopes to keep most of his 1.4 million shares, the third largest holding by a board

Marlborough Property Holddespite half year profits of £314,000 against a £199,000 loss. Interim dividend is same-again 0.2p a share.

Ryan Hotels, the Irish group, held at 20p. Interests associated with the Ashdown family have increased their shareholding to 10.8 per cent. There were suggestions yesterday that Mr Nazmu Virani, a leading Ryan Hotels shareholder had sold some of his holding.

Bid hopes continued to sput TI Group, the former Tube Investments. The shares rose 4p

IN BRIEF

B.E.T. OMNIBUS SERVICES: Remits for six months to September 30. Interim 1p (same). (Figures in 5000) Income 3 (3). Pretax profit 2000) income 5 (5). Freak training training 905 (loss 98) after administrative expenses 25 (25), but including interest 927 (debit 76). Tax 407 (9). Extraordinary debit nil (10). Earnings per share 2.53p (loss 0.83p). During the year to March 31, 1884.

subsidiaries.

DIPLOMA: Final 7.5p making 10p (6p equiv) for 12 months to September 30. The company proposes to split the 10p ordinary shares into units of 5p. (Figures in im) Turnover 29.2 (76.6). Pretax profit 16.3 (11.8) being electronic components distribution 12 (6.8), manufacturing and other distri-bution 4.4 (4.7) and net interest debit 0.1 (credit 0.3). Tax 7.6 (5.5). noon us (creat u.s). Tax 7.5 (5.5). Minorities 0.7 (0.3). Extraordinary credit 1.4 (0.1). Earnings per share 30.5p (22.8) or 18.2p annualized). Shares 438 down 12.

· A F BULGIN: Results for half of A F BULCIN: Results for fair year to July 31. interim 58p equivalent to 16.57 per cent gross (same). (Figures is £000). Turnover 4,250 (3,231). Pretax profit 208 (381) after exceptional cost-creation of new power conversion division 62 (nil). Tay 97 (198). Earnings per share 0.4p (0.65). Shares unchanged at 26.

Ibstock Johnson, weak on Results for 26 weeks to September 29. Interim 2.3p (2.2p) Figures in £000. Turnover 8,688 (7,383). Trading profit 373 (358). Interest (net): 94 (47). Pretax profit 233 (311): Tax 34 (110); extraordinary debt 27 (201). Monday on suggestions of a Monopolies Commission probe into the brick industry, was back in demand yesterday as speculators took the view that it (311): 128 34 (110), extraorumary dehit 97 (nil). Earnings per share 8p (7.1p). Shares unchanged at 221.

MARLBOROUGH PROPERTY HOLDINGS: Results for six was too good a takeover possibility to be ignored for long. The shares put on 8p to 253p. months to June 30. Interim 0.2p (same). The board intends at least to maintain the dividend for the full settling down after two days of

maintain the dividend for the full year at the level paid last year, (Figures in 2000) Turnover 2,896 (368). Net rental income 379 (188). Gross profit on sales of trading properties 611 (34). Pretax profit 314 (loss 199) after interest 517 (271) and administration expenses 159 (150). Tax 37 (34). Profit on sale rights issue from Barclays Bank. Barciays edged ahead a few coppers; so did Lloyds, the suggested bad debt casualty, and of investment properties 33 (653). Earnings per share 1.29p (loss 1.08p). Shares unchanged at 55.

STOCKLAKE HOLDINGS: Fin Div 9p (9p) making 12p (same) for year to March 31. Figs in 2000, Turnover 24,540 (26,713), Pretax

Reshuffle and research hold key to Metal Box prospects

Metal Box can be judged quite easily in terms of its market market is ignoring the improving quality of earnings, and also disregarding the high R & D spending, which, just construction market, via merger or acqui-. ition. It is working hard to mprove returns in Britain a nature trading area where Metal Box has a fairly substantial market share, by making the output element more capital intensive. Finally, the group is pulling out of the the old Imperial trading areas like Africa.

The group's interim figures demonstrate the risks and rewards of this approach. Problems in Nigeria underline the wisdom of the long term strategy. -Shortages of orders, and licences, plus other probems, have consumed to generate a near-£8 million downturn nto the red. South Africa's difficulties point up the virtue of last year's well-timed £40 million capital reconstruction. Metal Box paints a relatively

foomy picture of British demand in the second half. Yet the two-thirds jump in packag-ing profits to £21 million stems from higher capital spending and plant rationalization. The quality of British earnings is

clearly rising. The group can afford to finance the changes in its cost/output ratios. A £7 million edundancies and plant closures, but interest costs have remained . unchanged, compared with last year's pro-forms statement, at £11.2 million. Cash flow is still positive, and gearing low.

The shares are selling on a target p/e and yield of 5 and 7 per cent respectively, and look

ing quality of earnings, and also disregarding the high R & D spending, which, just conceivably, produce a world-beating new product. C. E. Heath

range from insurance broking to reinsurance and underwriting turned in limpressive halfyear figures yesterday. But although pretax profits to September 30 surged 47.2 per cent from £9.3m to £13.7m this year, the results contain some

longer term uncertainties.
The group's insurance broking income moved ahead almost 14 per cent from last year's interim stage, to £16m this time. The main advances came in its British and Australian broking operations. But the result was enhanced by company will not say by how much. Profits from broking improved from £4.9m to £6.2m.

On the face of it, the underwriting result was even more encouraging, with a leap in profits of 83 per cent from 3.9m to just over £7m. But although this was the most profitable area of business its quality is also the most questionable over the long

The result owes much to the success of the group's Australian operations, particularly its large exposure to workers' compensation business in the state of Victoria. But most analysts believe that the state will deprive C. E. Heath of these profits by taking over workers' compensation ar-

have on the group's figures is uncertain since the information provided by C. E. Heath yesterday was skimpy. Nevertheless, it is clear that the loss of this business would be a C. E. Heath, whose interests serious blow if the company does not diversify its underwriting business rapidly.

For the time being, however, C. E. Heath's carnings per share rose by more than 50 per cent to 26.6p, although the interim dividend was limited to a modest increase from 5.25p to 6p, leaving a p/e of 8.

Young's Brewery

The corporate master plan a Young's Brewery is switching emphasis from the production side, now that refurbishment of the Wandsworth Brewery has been completed, to marketing. New beers, including a Premium lager, are planned, and the group is busy building up the retail pub chain - the 20 per cent improvement in the dividend could be a foretaste of better things to come.

The market, however, was figures, and the shares dropped 50 to 140p. Sales have rised by about 10 per cent, and margins have slipped, reflecting tiny volume growth, relative to the

If the regional brewers are to do well, Young ought to produce sparkling figures, operating, as it does, in the better off London area, and catering for fashion-conscious young drinkers with high disposable apparently has been very fierce,



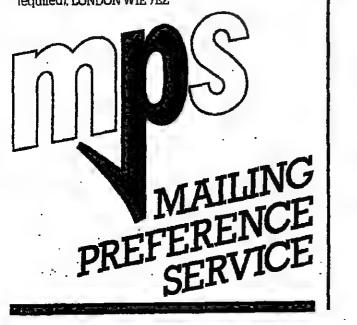
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duty was to protect the public.

Their Lordships had every sympathy with the judge. The victim was a vulnerable victim. He

and the public at large needed protection from such violence.

An eight years' sentence undoubt-

edly achieved that end. However,

when the appellant was released he would again be on his own and, their Lordships suspected, still unable to stand on his feet.

Eight years was somewhat too long, and their Lordships con-

sidered that the present was a proper

within weeks of his release. The experienced judge, when passing sentence had said that he

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief order on three occasions and had Justice and Mr Justice Onton served prison sentences. In 1981 he

Public spending outstrips promises

By David Smith

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY/LAW

Lawson's claims on control of expenditure sit uneasily with the facts

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, presenting his autumn statement to the Commons last week, said that Government remained committed to "keeping firm control over govern-

ment spending. Wilson/Callaghan Government of 1974-79 rose by only 6.6 per for inflation, public expenditure cent, for a 1.3 per cent annual next year is planned to be broadly the same as was Under the present Government of the present covernment of planned for this year, and below the likely outturn for this year, which has been inflated by the cost of maintaining electricity supplies during the coal strike."

ture has risen by 11 per cent in It would be nice if the plans real terms, or an average of 1.7 came true, but Mr Lawson's comments about the Government's commitment to spend- growth has accelerated slightly. ing control and the prospects for next year sit uneasily with the

that the Government, like those in most other Western industri-Public expenditure in the present financial year, 1984-85. expected to be nearly £128 with a sharp rise in unemploy-ment, which has automatically billion, according to the autumn statement. The statement did not provide an estimate of what this means in real terms, but the a bad year to choose because of calculation is simple.

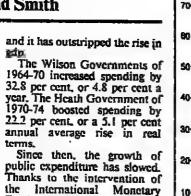
Adjusting the new estimate of public spending in the current the Treasury said that public car for inflation (measured by expenditure cost of each unemthe gdp deflator) gives a figure ployed person was £1,950. The of £122.3 billion in 1983-84 total cost to the Exchequer,

nces. including lost taxes and Discounting inflation, this national insurance contriwould represent the highest butions is much higher, level of public spending so far, Multiplying the 1.753 million There is nothing surprising in rise in unemployment since this. The spending in 1982-83 May 1979 by the expenditure and 1983-84 also represented, at the time, record real-term total expenditure cost of £3.42

public expenditure no rise in unemployment, the comparisons contained in the public spending total for 1984table go back to 1963-64 whenever Reginald Maudling £125.6 billion from £128 bil-Chancellor. Long-term series for public expenditure are full of problems, mainly real, 1983-84 prices gives a because of definitional changes, 1984-85 spending figure of because of definitional changes, 1984-85 spending figure of but these are unlikely to affect general conclusions.

1984-85 spending figure of £119.9 billion which is still 8 per cent higher than the total

Public expenditure in real the Conservatives inherited. terms in the present year will be nearly double that of 1963-64 year of the miners' strike, which



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ment, comparing the expected outturn for 1984/85 with the

The second is that 1984/85 is

boosted spending.

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THE UNCHANGING PATTERN

of Public Spending

| final full year of the last Labour | our Public spending planning totals | | | | | |
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| Government, 1978/79, expenditure has risen by 11 per cent in real terms, or an average of 1.7 | | Cash (£ billion) | Constant 1983-84 prices (£ billion) | Proportion of gdp (%) | • | |
| per cent a year. In other words, the rate of public spending | 1963-64 1969-70 | 9.9 17.0 | 63.7 84.6 | 34.0 37.5 | | |
| growth has accelerated slightly. Two objections will be made | 1973-74 1978-79 | 28.6 65.3 | 103.4 110.2 | 39.9 40.4 | | |
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| boosted enending | | | | | | |

Source: Economic Trands, November 1983, Public expanditure white papers, February 1984, Autumn Statement, November 1984.

In the Commons on July 23, Mr Lawson referred to in his real rise recorded since 1979. autumn statement, it is worth looking at the detailed public ployed person was £1,950. The expenditure effects provided by Professor Patrick Minford, of Liverpool University, last week. Professor Minford estimated that the first 34 weeks of the coal strike cost the Government £1.2 billion - around £200

billion in lost tax receipts plus £1 billion in higher public billion. Thus, if there had been By no stretch of the imagination could the strike be blamed for the whole of the current 85 would have been reduced to year's over spending, as Mr and land. Lawson appeared to be suggest- This ng last week. This is particu-However, converting this to

larly so when the Government started with a £2.75 billion reserve for such unforeseen circumstances as the coal strike. In any case, the £2billion real rise in public spending now expected this year is not out of On the costs in the present

There is another point to be considered when assessing the Government's public spending record. Of all the curiosities involved in calculating public expenditure totals, the treat-

ment of sales of state assets as a

negative item of spending is the

most questionable. In the current year, the Government expects to achieve a total of £1.9 billion in special sales of parts of state-owned industry, plus about £1.7billion from the sale of council houses

This £3.6 billion could legitimately be treated as revenue and added back to the £128 billion spending total for 1984/85, giving £131.6 billion or, converting to 1983/84 prices. £125.9 billion.

Amending the figures in this way shows a 14 per cent real rise line with the average annual in spending since 1978/79.

Whichever way one looks at it. public expenditure is still rising. The chart suggests that it moves broadly in line with growth and inflatin for the economy as a whole. Since public spending is major component of gdp, this is hardly

SUPPRISING. Also, and more importantly, there has been no major reassessment of the scope of your own perhaps, to be incapable of standing on your own feet". Michael John Bourton, aged 34, what government should be appealed successfully against sentence at Stafford Crown Court (Judge Rigby) on conviction of robbery from a guard on a train and unlawful wounding of him with a spending during the 20-year period covered.

Labour and Conservative government may have different philosophical attitudes but this is only significant at the margin, for instance in the recent Star Chamber and Cabinet battles over next year's spending.

At the time of the last Budget the Treasury published a Green Paper on long term public expenditure and taxation trends. It identified reasons for continued upward pressure on spending and taxation over the next 10 years, but failed to suggest reform to alleviate that

The Treasury's rather limp conclusion was that Parliament must decide how much public spending can be afforded, then stick to those targets.

Radical reform of public spending is possible but un-likely. Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, has four committees examining various aspects of social security. Even if sweeping changes are proposed by the com-mittees, it is difficult to see them being acted on. Social security reform may go the way of rates reform.

The ratio of public spending to tends to rise during recession and fall during periods of reasonably healthy economic

The Government has reduced this ratio in the past couple of years by restricting the increase in spending, while encouraging growth through

lower interest rates and lower exchange rate. If the growth keeps on coming, then the relative size of the public sector should con-tinue to fall.

But it would be optimistic to expect a sudden transformation to success in controlling public

COMPANY NEWS

IN BRIEF

 HARDÁNGER PROPERTIES reports pretax profits 33 per cent higher for year ended September 30 at £2.30m. Turnover rose from £6.65m to £7.45m. Total dividend 9.8p (same). The board has continued its policy of developing prime retail locations for sale to

Mr Derek Coombs, points out: "The prospects for the current year are very encouraging indeed and consequently the directors view the ature very optimistically." ACCESS SATELLITE: Appli

In his statement, the chairman,

cations received at or above, the striking price of 160p represented more than two and a half times the number of shares on offer.
Preferential applications from employees have been allocated in full. SWINDON PRIVATE HOSPI-TAL, launched on the Unlisted Securities Market in December. 1982, announces a loss, after tax, of £141,000 for the year ended July 31 - a period dominated by the completion of construction and commissioning of Ridgeway Hospital. It is pointed out to shareholders by the chairman, Mr J. G. Joffe, in

ars annual statement accompanying the report and accounts – the company's first since trading commenced – that: "Because trading started in mid-June, the results for the year only contain the income for approximately six weeks, while the costs for the whole year, including the commissioning items, have been charged against such income." So the final loss for the year was £141,000.

• FORSHAWS BURTON-WOOD BREWERY: Half-year to Sept 29. Int. div 2.5p (same). Figs. in £000. Turnover 12,831 (10,782).

Pretaz profit 1,229).

CASTLE (GB): In his annual statement the chairman Mr Bruce
Troughton, states: "I am confident
that the group will continue to
prosper and I look forward to
further growth. We still have only asmall share of the overall kitchen market. Bathrooms are still in their infancy and the potential of Olmar the division formed in early May to increase market penetration within the kitchen built-in appliance and eccesory market, is considerable · AMAL FINANCIAL INVS Half-year to Sept 30. No div. (nil). (Figs in £000). Turnover 76 (44). Pretax profit 59 (13).

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL
GROUP has completed the acquisition of the business and of certain
of the assets of Williamsons. The

State Agents, which is based in Lancashire, with branches at Chorky, Adlington, Leyland and Preston. The maximum consideration payable is £116,710.

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other foster parents.

attached relating to access by the natural parent if there was greement between the parties.
The Court of Appeal so stated

for East Sussex County Council.

she had never been traced.

the children in the care of the East
Sussex County Council pursuant to
section I of the Children Act 1948.
The children had been placed by
the local authority with the foster
parents on May 9, 1977. On March

26, 1981 the social services committee had passed a resolution assuming parental rights and duties over both children under section 3 of the Child Care Act 1980 on the

local authority in the exercise of the

desire that the children be removed from the foster parents.

Houldsworth (unreported, January 17, 1972); "An extended sentence had a dual purpose. It is designed to protect the public in two different ways: one, where necessary, by keeping a man in prison for a longer

period than would otherwise be required; the other by providing for compulsory after care where this is desirable for a longer period than would otherwise be the case." By section 28(3) five conditions had to be fulfilled. It was clear from the appellant's record, as Mr Wait conceded, that all the conditions

The case had been adjourned to enable a notice to be served on the

appellant in accordance with section 29/3). That had now been done. The appeal would be allowed by quashing the eight-year prison sentence and substituting a term of six years' imprisonment and issuing

"extended sentence certificate" under section 28(4). The two-year pursuant to section 28(1) of the prison sentence was to be served Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, unaltered and concurrently.

Misuse of adoption procedure

In re H (Minors)
Before Sir John Arnold, President,
and Mrs Justice Booth

Regina v Bourton

Justice and Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment delivered November 20]

an extended sentence of six years' imprisonment for an eight-year

prison sentence passed on a man to

whom the sentencing judge said: "You appear, through no fault of

knife. The sentence for unlawful

wounding was two years concurrent with the eight years for robbery. Mr John Wait, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for

MR JUSTICE OTTON, giving

the judgment of the court, said that the appellant, who had 12 convic-tions for dishonesty, violence.

The Court of Appeal substituted

[Judgment delivered November 6] It was a misuse of the adoption

It was a misuse of the adoption procedure if the object of the adoption application was to overide an area of administration granted to a local authority by a statute which determined that area such as the Child Care Act 1980. The court would only make an adoption order with conditions

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by foster parents from the refusal of Judge Wingate, QC. to make an adopton order in their favour relating to children placed in their care by the local authority. The children's father opposed the application.

Mr Peter Hunt for the foster parents, Mr Charles Spencer Taylor for the father, Mr Jeremy Postnansky for East Sussex County Council.

THE PRESIDENT said that the children who were the subject of the appeal were brother and sister aged 10 and nine years. Their mother had descried her husband in 1977 and

The father had endeavoured to care for the children but had found the task impossible and had placed

ground that throughout the three previous years both children had been in the care of the local

The father had never been out of touch with his children, They spent The foster mother could now give occasional weekends with him and the boy more of her time. At one part of the school holidays were spent with the paternal grand-

The boy had behavioural prob-lems. In 1983, the local authority intimated to the foster parents that it was intended to remove the boy om their care and place him with

The foster parents appreciated that if the new placement was satisfactory then the sister would be removed as well. The foster parents launched the adoption application

as the only way to stop the local authority from removing the

authority from removing the children.

It had been held in A v Liverpool City Council ([1982] AC 363) that where Parliament had, by statute, entrusted to a local authority the power and duty to make decisions as to the welfare of children the High Court would not exercise the wardship jurisdiction so to intervene in the exercise of discretion within the field committed to the local authority by statute.

Judge Wingate had said that the same consideration applied if the object of the adoption application was to frustrate the intention of the local authority in the exercise of the

discretion granted to the local authority by the Child Care Act 1980. The court upheld that view. The father had refused his consent to the adoption but did not

There was extensive evidence supporting the father's view that the children should remain with the foster parents with whom they had lived for the past seven years. The grandmother, the children's general

the boy more of her time, At one time there had been eight children in the house, The father, although he did not

wish the children to be removed, was adamant that he did not want access arrangements to be at the whim of the foster parents. At one time there had been regular weekly access but access was now on a fortnightly basis. The judge had accepted that the father was not being unreasonable when he refused

Wingate that an adoption order could be made with conditions of access attached, However, the judge had considered that to impose condition on the adopters would be contrary to section 13 of the Adoption Act 1958.

The court had been referred to two reported cases: In re J (Adoption Order: Condutions) (1973) Fam 106) and In re S (Minor) (Adoption Order: Access) ([1976] Fam 1). In both cases there had been a compromise and an agreed schedule

placed before the court.

Lord Justice Cairns had said in In re S at p6: "Clearly no condition should be imposed which could be regarded as detracting from the rights and duties of the adoptive parents... it does appear to me that the conditions which are asked to be as not to affect the rights and the responsibilities of the adoptive parents in relation to the matter of

In the present case there was no compromise. The father was justified in taking the attitude which he did. dismissed.

practitioner, their headmaster and three arcial workers among others all subscribed to that view.

The boy who had behavioural the boy who had

Late amendment to bankruptcy petition

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Enkruptcy.
The Divisional Court in Bank-The Divisional Court in Bankruptcy in the Chancery Division so
held allowing an appeal by the
deblor against an order of Mr
Registrar Keyes in Slough County
Court. He had allowed amendments
out of time to a bankruptcy petition
by which different dates in respect
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in the original petition. Mr Martia Spencer for the debtor, Mr Richard Fawls for the petition-

MR JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that a receiving order had been made against the debtor on October 17, 1983. It was based on a petition which alleged that the act of had occurred within three months before the presentation of the debtor before July 12, 1983 to comply with a bankruptcy notice served on June 29.

Although the statutory power of amendment conferred by section

rankruptcy, the registrar allowed the creditors to amend their petition

the petition was not an amendment been done

Hastings v Geoffrey S. Beccle & August 11. The incorrect date of Before Mr Justice Warner and Mr Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment delivered November 8]

A benkruptcy petition could not be amended out of time so as to be ame

and substitute the correct dates.
It appeared that the registrar had reasoned as follows: only one act of bankruptcy occurred, the petition was presented within three months from the act, the error in the date of service was a simple misprint in the affidavit of service and carried into the petition, the bankrupt knew when in fact he had been served, the amendment of such a misprint in

stance and no injustice had But section 4(1)(c) of the Bankruptcy Act 1914 provided that a creditor could only present a petition if the act of bankruptcy on which the petition was grounded

served on June 29.

The bankruptcy notice had in fact been served on him on July 29 exercisable at any time it was well making the act of bankruptcy the

what the act of bankruptcy was so that he might have the opportunity It was not sufficient to say that the bankrupt knew when he was served thereby implying that the bankrupt would know what act of bankruptey was being referred to hy creditors.

The bankrupt was entitled to know from the petition what was the act of bankruptcy relied on by the creditors, and the date of its commission was an important part

of its description.

A misdescription of the date for service of the bankruptcy notice and the date for completion of the act of bankruptcy was not a mere defect in form but one of subtance. From the viewpoint of the debtor it introduced a new act of bankruptcy relied on by the creditors and could not be allowed outside the threemonth period.

Mr Justice Warner agreed. Solicitors: Piper Smith & lasham; Geoffrey S. Beccle & Co.

Two tax assessments on same deal

Coren and Another

Before Mr Justice Scott [Judgment delivered Nover An assessment to capital gains tax made on taxpayers and which had become final against them did not prevent the inland Revenus from making assessments to income tax on those taxpayers in respect of the

Mr Justice Scott so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from determinations made by the general commissioners for Highbury in

Prisoner must ask for representation Regina v Board of Visitors of Pocock v Steel

Swansea Prison, Ex parte McGrath Apart from exceptional and

nusual cases the board of visitors was under no duty to consider exercising its discretion to grant legal representation to a prisoner unless the prisoner so requested, Mr Justice Forbes held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 9 rejecting an application for certiorari.

MR JUSTICE FORBES said that section 47(2) of the Prison Act 1952 and rule 49(2) of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) did not impose a duty on the board to ask if the prisoner required legal represen-A board of visitors had a

discretion to grant legal represen-tation at the request of a prisoner: sation at the request of a prisoner; see R v Home Secretary. Ex parte Tarrant [1984] 2 WLR 613), but save in exceptional circumstances boards were under no duty to consider whether without such a request legal representation should be granted: R v Board of Visitors of Blundestone Prison. Ex parte Norley (1914 A 1984 OR unpreported). (July 4, 1984 QB, unreported).

Bye (Inspector of Taxes) v favour of the taxpayers, Mr and Mrs Gershon Coren.

Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown; Mr C. W. Koenigsberger for

the taxpayers. MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that the commissioners had allowed appeals by the taxpayers against three alternative assessments to Schedule D income tax made on them for the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 holding that as the taxpayers had been assessed to, and had paid, capital gains tax in respect of their dealings in metals for those

Landford loses possession order appeal

years, the Revenue were precluded

For the purpose of Case 11 of Part II of Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977, the person claiming to be the "owner-occupier" had to have "occupied... as his residence" the dwelling house of which he sought possession immediately before he "let it on a regulated tenancy" and it was not sufficient if he had occupied it at some time, however long before the commencement of the letting, because the words "occupied" and "let" in Case 11 referred to substantially the same period.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce, Lord Justice Dillon and Sir Denys Buckley) so held on November 16, dismissing the landlord's appeal from Judge Galpin at Portsmouth County Court who on May 31, 1984, allowed the tenant's appeal from the registrar, who had made an order for possession of the landlord's dwelling house on the assumption that the requirements of Case 11 were satisfied if the owner-occupier had last occupied the

The question was whether the taxpayers, by appealing the income tax assessments on the one hand and allowing to become final the capital gains tax assessment on the other, had thereby precluded the Revenue from establishing the trading character of their transactions and from maintaining the income tax assessments accordingly.

The case was not one of taxpayers seeking to escape double taxation; it was distinguishable from Barnes Hely-Hutchinson ([1940] AC 81). The income tax assessments were alternatives to the capital gains tax

assessment. There was no rule that the same sums could not be subject to two separate taxes. In the event of the income tax assessments being upheld then under the provisions of section 32 of the Taxes Management Act 1970. the taxpayers could reclaim the whole amount of the capital gains

tax that had been paid by them. Solicitors: Solicitor, Inland Revenue; Israel J. Arnold & Strange.

Statute prevents escape of liability

Clarkson v William Jackson & Sour Lad

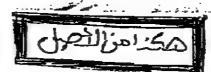
The Court of Appeal, dismissing an appeal in a personal injuries action from a judgment of Judge Bennett, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, held on November 14 that the Employers Liability (Defective Equipment) Act 1960 did not give employees a new cause of action .cause of action.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR. sitting with Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Stade, said that the scheme of the Act was to prevent an occupier had last occupied the premises some 15 years before the commencement of the current, regulated tenancy.

action of the current and employer escaping liability when an employer and the current and of the supplier or manufacturer and not of the employer.

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MOTOR RALLYING

Plea to Mitterrand

in Monte Carlo row

Paris (AFP) - Francois Mitterrand the French President has found himself pulled into the controversy over next year's Monte Carlo Rally.

He has been semt a letter asking him to intervene to obtain the registration of Jean-Marie Balestre as president of both FISA. motor racing's governing body, and, the French Autosport Federation.

The letter, sent a couple of days ago, came from Claude Bourillot, former president of the FAF. Boueillor wants the French President to get Alain Calmat, the Sports Minister, who met Balestre here yesterday, to ask for Balestre's resignation and, in case of refusal, for all Balestre's powers to be taken away.

However, the ministers latervention in the row over the rally

RUGBY LEAGUE

Trophy draw a good one

for second division clubs

Australia beckons Schofield

At least two second division clubs ill appear in the quarter finals of

this season's John Player Special Trophy. In the draw for the second

round yesterday Bramley were paired with Whitehaven and Dewsbury with Runcorn Highfield

but the other remaining second division club, Rochdale Hornets.

can have little hope of progress at Hull Kingston Rovers.

There are two outstanding games between first division clubs. Leeds, the holders, entertain Wigan at Headingley, a match scheduled for legistern coverage on December 1

television coverage on December | (2.15) and St Helens travel to Odsal to face Bradford Northern, who

Garry Schofield, the young Hull centre and Great Britain inter-national, is likely to become the first

eading player from Britain to sign

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Since the international transfer

Macklin writes).

FOOTBALL: CLEMENCE, PERRYMAN, CHANNON AND HARTFORD PUT CASE FOR THE OVER-THIRTIES IN MILK CUP TONIGHT ... No hard feelings but tough tie in prospect Shreeves says

against Tottenham Hotspur at Roker Park tonight.

Tottenham had Clive Allen and Graham Roberts sent off in a 1-0 league defeat there in September, but Len Ashurst, the Sunderland manager is anxious to play down any thoughts about tonight's tie being a grudge match.

"It was just one of those games, and it was unfortunate that it was Spurs who suffered in having two players sent off. I don't think there will be any continuation of what happened that night," Ashurst said, Sunderland will be without

Shaun Elliott, their captain, The England 'B' international is starting a three-match suspension, and is only one caution away from another ban after collecting his Seventh booking on the season, at West Ham on Saturday,

"He has been our most consistent player and we will miss his pace." Ashurst said.

Peter Shreeves, the Totten-ham manager, said: "What happened in September is all in the past as far as we are concerned. We've had about 15 games since then, travelled all over Europe and just haven't thought about it since it happened, but we still expect a tough game."

Tony Galvin. Tottenham's Republic of Ireland winger. misses the tie but could be fit to face Chelsea on Saturday, lan Crook is added to the squad, though Shreeves is expected to rely on the team which won at loswich last weekend.

Notts County will be without Steve Sims, the central de-fender, at Norwich. He has a eroin injury and his place goes to David Hunt. Justin Fashanu looks likely to be recalled to the County attack against his former club.

-Manchester scotched

Thousands of Manchester United upporters will be unable to see the cturn leg of the UEFA Cup tie gainst Dundee United for the natch at Tannadice Park on Occumber 12. United have only a mall allocation of 1,200 tickets, United's secretary Les Olive, aid: "the allocation is insufficient nd it is inevitable there will be a lot f disappointed supporters. But I rge our lans not to travel without a rket.

Lancing making waves

Lancing are enjoying successful ahead. Far from being dispirited. iays. In their home match against king Edward's School, Witley, C loughley and J Robinson each cored three goals in a 7-0 victory.

Ancing have also reached the semi-inals of the Sussex Schools underlined the semi-inals of 19 cup by defeating Eastbourne sixth Form College 4-3 in a tense truggle which went into extra-time.

Ardingly, visiting Winehester, pickly equalized having gone one lown in the first few minutes to a conference of the conferenc

roal from T McLune, Winchester issumed control in midfield and victure scored again, the last goal ame near the end from I Greet, to nake the final score 3-1.
Despite being 2-0 down at half-ime Eton railed against Bradfield

un were unable to penetrate a solid cience. D Reed played an utstanding game for Bradfield, the ome team and made the final score -0 with a drive from 20 yards. Malvers recorded their eleventh in out of 12 schools matches in cleating Shrewsbury 2-0. E Gilbert ok advantage of a bad back pass in

n even first half to put Malvern

Awards for **boldness** and appeal

eil Macfarlanc, in London vesterby (John Nicholls writes). The six salegories and winners were:
Seamenship: The crew of the St
lelier hifeboat. Jersey for their
utstanding example in September. 983 when they rescued the crew of yacht grounded in one of the most langerous areas of the Jersey coast. Resene: The crew of D Flight, 22 quadron, Royal Air Force Leconeduction, Koyal Air Force Leconicid for their outstanding example.

I January, 1984 in rescuing the rew of a trawler off the Scarbough coast in appalling weather Design: The Horizon 26 by funter Boats of Rochford, Essex, a cli-designed host of wide anneal at ell-designed boat of wide appeal at realistic price, the Sadler 34 by adler Yachts of Poole, Dorset for a

urstanding service to his club. Yacht racing: RORC Class 5 cillonia VII, owned by a French-ian, M Trentesaux: Sigma 33 Class Starshine, owned by W Smith: and

-24 Class - Luder, sailed by E

Sunderland are trying to defuse their potentially violent transfer list, said: "I am Milk Cup fourth round tie determined to give my all for determined to give my all for County until I leave." Gary Rowell's run of bad luck continued yesterday when the Norwich forward, a free transfer from Sunderland, suffered a recurrence of the knee ligament damage that has troubled him all season. He aggravated the injury in a reserve game at Chelsea and so Norwich will field an un-

changed side against County.

Manchester City yesterday completed the signing of Graeme Sinclair on a month's loan from Celtic, Billy McNeill, the City manager, rushed through the transfer to enable the Scot to play in the Milk Cup tic at Chelsea on today.

City's haste was because Mick McCarthy, their regular central defender is serving a three-match suspension. McNeill said: "It is almost certain that Sinclair will be in the team at Chelsea,
"I would like to think he can

make the move permanent. He is very adaptable and we can use him in a number of positions". McNeill first bought Sinclair for £65,000 from Dumbarton when he was manager of Celtic. Sinclair will probably come in a right back probably come in at right back for Geoff Lomax, with Andy May retaining the central

defensive position Mickey Thomas, reported to have walked out on Chelsea at the weekend, could return to the team against City. Thomas and scored. He is included in the hill but on top of it. the squad, though Joe McLaughlin is the side's only doubt for what looks a tough

"Even though they are in the second division, City are still very much a first division outfit, as they proved against West Ham in the last round," Ian McNeill. Chelsea's assistant

Cobbling together

Northampton Town will take their full squad to VS Rugby for tonight's F.A. Cup first round replay against the Southern League. Midland division club. They await the league of the control the results of a number of late fitness tests but Cavener, the defender who damaged ligaments during Saturday's 2-2 draw is definitely out.

Bognor, who will be unchanged at home to Swanses are also confident of going through. Their manager Jack Pearce, said: "The players were B UEFA are to reopen investi-iations into the violence during the ecent European tie between Celtic and Rapid Vienna at Celtic Park.

Schools football by George Chesterton middle-of-the-table role. Shepherd being a constant source of concern to the Malvern defence. Malvern had slightly the better of the second half, but had to wait until the last minute for their second goal

when L Lindsay turned in a cross from Gilbert. Kimbolton, visiting Brentwood were 4-1 up shortly after half-time but Brentwood came back well. They had the better of the second half but could only score twice, going down 4-3. A Hood scored twice for Kimbolton. Southern Public Schools did well

to draw 1-1 against an Arsenal Youth XI at Forest School. In a fast. even contest. M Yadegar, from Chigwell, scored for the Public Schools team and G. Soloman equalized with a fine individual godi, Southern Public School.s: S Young (Hampton): W Wawn (Highgale), J Golder (Cherpartosse), A Rowberry (Morcaster RGS), N Gains (Mitheld), T McCarthy (John Lyons), A Yadegar (Chiqwell), J Polimeon (Lancing), J Hall (Mitheld), N Francis (Mitheld), P Beverstock (Mitheld) compacency by reminding the team: "We are not as good as all that. . . and the others

training ground. Lattek confessed he was









They seem to go on forever: Jennings (left), Lorimer (top), Bonds (bottom) and Channon (right)

Plenty of life in the old dogs yet

over-thirties in football have never had it so good. Youth used to be all the rage, but today's youngsters are having to take second billing to players who at one time would have been regarded as "over the played in the reserves yesterday hill". These players are not so much over

> The value of experience is being seen in all divisions of the Canon League, particularly the first, where an increasing number of players are proving that life gets better after 30. Jennings, aged 39, is perhaps the most remarkable example. When Arsenal signed blm from Tottenham Hotspur for £40,000 in the summer of 1977, few thought that he would last more than three years at Highbury. He has not only far exceeded expectations but is still first choice goalkeeper for Arsenal and Northern Ireland and hoping to represent his country in the next World Cup finals.

The aging process seems to affect

goalkeepers less quickly than others.

Southampton's steady climb up the table than anybody and his place in the England team is not threatened. Clemence's future at Tottenham was in Jeopardy when he was displaced by Parks at the end of last season. Now, at 36, he is Tottenham's No again and playing as well as ever. So is his club colleague, Perryman, who at 32 is showing a new maturity. **Trusty Hammer**

Fitness and enthusiasm are the key to prolonging your football career and Bonds. aged 38, has an abundance of both. At the end of last season, Bonds told West Ham United's manager, John Lyail, that he did not want to be considered for first team duty again, except in an emergency. Lyall soon found that he could not do without and West Ham's results have improved markedly since the old warrior's

Channon (35) and Hartford (34) are

three or four - at Norwich City. The same

Arsenal's improvement in the second half of last season was mostly due to the outstanding form of Mariner and Talbot, both 31. Lorimer, who made his first team debut at 15, is still playing regularly for Leeds United at 37, a year older than their goalkeeper, Harvey. In the light of all this evidence perhaps footballers will begin to approach their thirties with a good deal more optimism.

Vince Wright

Bayern capitalize on Rummenigge sale

Munich, (Reuter) - Bayern Munich have discarded their illustrious image in making the discovery that great football sides can be created without great names. Bayern severed their last link with bigname players when they sold their last genuine world-class "star", Karl-Heinz Rummenigge to Internazionale Milan in

the summer. Rummenigge's transfer followed last year's retirement of the club's midfield inspiration, Paul Breitner and led to dire forecasts, not least within the Bayern camp, of a transitional period in which the Munich club would have to settle for aa

Instead, Bayern began the season with six successive victories, a Bundesliga record and swiftly established a five-point lead after nine games, another all-time first. Despite some evidence of stumbling with three draws and theeir worst defeat of the season, by 3-0 at Leverkusen in their last fur matches. Bayern remain two points clear with a game in hand. They are still clear favourites to take the West German championship for the first time in

Bayern boast average gates of over 40,000, a more than healthy cash surplus from Rummenigge's 10m mark (£2.5m) transfer to Italy, and a place in the last eight of the European Cup Winners Cup.
As Bayern's league lead grew, their rainer. Udo Lattek, warned against

are not that bad either.".

Speaking from his office at the club's

as surprised as anyone at the team's good 'We've been pretty lucky and the other

clubs have been unlucky. Besides most of our rivals have had a lot of injuries and new players to fit in," he explained. Yel, Bayern have also been badly hit by injuries with their Danish midfield player, Soeren Lerby, Belgian goalkeeper, Jean-

Marie Pfaff, and five other first-team players sidelined for long periods while five new signings have had to adjust to their new surroundings. The 49-year-old trainer helped mould Bayern's greatest ever side when Franz Bechenbauer, Gerd Mueller and Sepp Maier came together to win three Eurpean

Cups in a row from 1974-76. Lattek left in 1974 to join Borussia Mönchengladbach, moving on later to Borussia Dortmund and Barcelona before returning to a jaded but still ambitious Bayern last year. His present team can in no way compare with the Beckenbauer side, he said. "We had personalities who could decide matches on their own. We

could win games without going all out." Yet, Lattek believes Bayern may have gained something more than a cash bonanza from Rummenigge's transfer. Rummenigge is a great player, a matchwinner, but since he has gone the team has had to find a new system of playing. Before, I often noticed a hesitation as players looked for Rummenigge to give

"Now there is variety as more players take responsibility. We have been lucky that Matthaeus has firted in without problems and Lerby has developed so well this season. The side has an amazing team spirit. The problem I have now is that they are subconsciously playing not to lose so as to defend their league lead rather than

Bayern clearly spent wisely in the close season, snapping up five new players for season, snapping up five new players for | women's tennis association rank-less than half the fee they received for | INGS: 1. M. Navranova (US). 2. C Lloyd (US). 3. Rummenigge. Mathaeus, bought from Moenchengladbach for around 2.5m Mark (£625,000), a record fee between West German clubs, has brought a new impetus to the Bayern midfield. The only other big purchase, the young forward, Roland Wohlfarth, who cost half that from the second division club Duisburg, was bought mainly for cover but has established himself with 11 goals.

Lattek said it was too early to talk of the title, adding he was still worried by Hamburg. Werder Bremen and Borussia Monchengladbach. Yet those teams are far more worried about Bayern, especially of

their strength in depth.

That Lattek can often afford to leave internationals such as Pfaff, Michael Rummenigge, Dieter Hoeness, Calle Del'Haye and Bernd Martin on the substitutes' bench says much for the new, functional team.

French players killed

Preparations for France's World Cup qualifying match against Bulgaria in Paris tonight have been overshadowed by the deaths in a road accident on Sunday of Seth Adonkor and Jean-Marie Labejof, both players with Nantes, the first division

can be said for Mills, aged 35, of Southampton, who, like the fine professional he is, has shaken off they disappointment of being excluded from Robby Palean's place and in the control of the control o disappointment of being excluded from Bobby Robson's plans and is continuing to do a sound defensive job. Withe is doing well enough for Aston Villa to be called upon by England at 33 and Dalglish, of the same age, is indispensable to Liverpool and Scotland.

TENNIS

TOULOUSE: Grand Prix Tournament: First round: R Osterfum (WG) bit L Pimels (CZ) 6-3, 7-5: M Schapers (Neth) bit E Sanchez (Sp) 6-4, 7-6: M Ostoja (Yug) bit Vayda (Cz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; B Birner (Cz) bit M Bahrand (Iran), 7-6, 6-4; M Westphal (WG) bit 3 Zwojinovo (Yug) 6-0, 6-3; P Portas (Fr) bit K Novacek (CZ), 6-4, 6-1; J Svensson (Swe) bit Taroozy (Hun) 6-4, 7-6. PERTH; Western Australian Open Sournament; Men'a sangles, first round: D Saltz (US) bit C Turnch (Aus) 6-1, 6-2, K Warwork (Aus) bit P Wright (US) 6-4, 6-4: L Warder (Aus) bit P Casey (Aus) 6-1, 6-3: B Troperpoin (Aus) bit P Casey (Aus) 6-1, 6-3: B -6, 6-4: L Alexander (Aus) bit B Wilsons (Aus) 6-3, 8-4, 6-5: J Alexander (Aus) bit B Wilsons (Aus) 6-3, 8-4, 6-5: J Alexander (Aus) bit B Vibland (Aus) 6-3, 8-4, 6-5: J Alexander (Aus) bit B Vibland (Aus) 6-3, 8-4, 6-5: J Alexander (Aus) bit B Vibland (Aus) 6-3, 8-4, 6-5: J Alexander (Aus) bit B Vibland (Aus) 6-3, 8-4, 6-5: J Alexander (Aus) bit B Vibland (Aus) 6-3, 8-4, 6-4; J Wenner's Onen NATIONAL CONFERENCE

bit B Wilsoms (Aurs) 8-3, 8-1; a routerrate (rous) bit B Wilsoms (Aurs) 8-3, 8-1.

SYDNEY: New South Wales Women's Open, Second round (US unless stated): 8 Bungo (WG) bit D Ballestret (Aurs), 8-4, 6-7, 6-3; W Turnbul (Aurs) bt McNeal, 6-1, 6-1; M Navastions, bit M Fahets, 6-4, 8-2; P Shriver bt 8 Mould (SA) 6-4, 6-6, 6 Firmandos by C Basseni (Gan), 6-1, 6-2; C Jobssami (Switz) by E Pfaif (WG), 4-6, 7-6, 8-3; P Paradis (Pr) bt W Wade (GB), 8-0, 1-8, 8-1; B Graf (MG) by R Fairberth (SA), 6-8, 8-4, 8-4; L Antonopole by A Bellogran (Arg), 8-4, 6-4; C Kohde-Nariote (WG) by C Karliston (Swe), 6-2, 8-1; B Graf (MG) by R Fairberth (SA), 6-8, 8-4, 8-4; L Antonopole by A Bellogran (Arg), 8-4, 6-4; C Kohde-Nariote (WG) by C Karliston (Swe), 6-2, 8-1; D June (GG) by A Brown (GB), 8-1, 8-2, 8-1; D June (GG) by A Horvicksson by G Bengamin, 8-3, 6-1

M Mesker (Netth) bt L Dreacher (Switz), 8-3, 8-7, 6-2; R White by C Lindqunst (Swe), 4-6, 5-3, 6-2; B White by C Lindqunst (Swe), 4-6, 5-3, 6-2; B White by C Lindqunst (Swe), 4-6, 5-3, 6-2; B White by C Lindqunst (Swe), 4-6, 5-3, 6-2; B Wales by C Sure (Fr), 6-1, 8-2, Doubles, first round; Turnbull/Walsh bt Wade/Antonopia.

NGS: 1. M Navrandow (US). 2 C Lloyd (US). 3. F. Shriver (US). 4. N Marrotikow (Cz): 5. K. Jordan (US): 6. W Turnbull (Aus): 7. M Maleeva (US): 10. C Bansen (Cen): 20. J Dune (GB). WTA EARNINGS LIST: 1. Navraniova 52.101.068 (E1.850.000): 2. Lloyd (487.860): 3. Mandikova (420.880, 4. Shriver 419.730): 5. Turnbull 216.270: 6. H Sukova (C2): 196.743, 7. Maleeva 181.807; 8. Gerrisch 166.764, 9. Jordan 162.478. 10. Potter (US): 160.338; 15. Durle 119.720: 16. A Mobbe (GB): 106.185. ATP RANKINGS: 1, J Mc Ervoe (US), 2, I Lend

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J Mc Ervoe (US), 2, 1 Lendi (C2): 3, 1 Connors (US), 4, Wilander (Swe), 5, A Gomez (Ec), 8, A Jarryd (Swe), 7, H Sundstrom (Swe), 8, J Nystrom (Swe), 9, J Kriek (US), 10, J Ares (US), GRAND PRIX: STANDINGS: 1 J McErvoe (US), 2390pts; 2, J Connors (US), 2,903; 3, 1 Londi (C3), 2,664; 4, A Gomez (Ec), 2,222; 5, M Wilander (Swe), 1,850; 8, J Nystrom (Swe), 1,218; 8, A Jarryd (Swe), 1,765; 9, T Smd (C2), 1,155; 10, A Krackstein (US), 961. FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL
CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Bohamlans
Prague 4, ZTS Peutzalba 1; TJ Viticovice 2,
Spariak Trnava 1, Inter Bratislava 0, Dukla
Prague 1: Lokomotha Koeice 1, Signa
Olomouc 3; ZVL Zāme 0, Banik Ostrava 0;
Dukla Banska Bystica 1, RH Cheb O'Tarrah
Prasov 3, Slovan Bratistava 0; Sparia Prague
2, Slavis Prague 0.
Leading positions: 1, Bohamlans Prague 19
prs; 2, Benik Ostrava 18, 3, Sparia Prague 17. FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelses 4, Nonech 1.

ICE HOCKEY
UNITED STATES: National League (NHL)
Toronto Maple Lea's 6, Montreal Canadiens 4,
Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flamez 4. SQUASH RACKETS

ZURICH: Bales Masters Open tournscent: Finat Jahang: Khan (Pak) bt R Thoma (Aus) 2-0, 8-8, 9-2. Third place match: D Wilders (Aus) bt S Davenport (NZ) 1-9, 9-0, 2-6, 9-3.

FOR THE RECORD

were the last team to beat them, but who were not then facing a Saints team containing Meninea, the formidable Australian in the centre.

Hull, who will receive Oldham, have a more difficult tie than their Humberside rivals, while the two

other first division clashes are the revived Halifax, making great

strides following their importation of Australians, against Castleford and Widnes at home to Feathers-

han was lifted two seasons ago the

with many top Australians coming to British clubs. Schofield has accepted a verbal contract to fly out

to Australia at the end of the current English season to play for the Sydney club, Balmain.

traffic has been mostly one way

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SECOND ROUND ORAW: Br
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

BASKETBALL UNITED STATES (National Association (NBA)): Indiana Pacers 137. Chicago Built 120.

SKIING: The World Cup men's downhill Alpine race, scheduled for December 16 in Vai Gardena, Italy, will now take place on December 15. The men's slalom and superper 17 and 18, in Madenna di Campiglio, Italy, have also been brought forward one day.

SPEEDWAY: Exeter have dropped out of the British League for next scason and will compete in the National League. Ellesmere Port and Barrow have also been elected to the National League,

YACHTING

The 1983-84 Silk Cut awards for autical achievements were prescinating technique radically

fferent and bold; Complete
ystem clothing for offshore sailing
y Musto and Hyde Accessories. Club Service: Nicolas Robinson, Hamble River SC, Hamble, lampshire, for over 30 years of

Special awards: To Anthony aylor, of Little Carlton, Lincolnhire, for the rescue of a teenage boy iff Mablethorpe Beachi in January. 984; and the Lloyd Fosier. ecretary of the Royal Western YC. n recognition of his services to IN BRIEF

Hampshire on the umpires' list

players to be appointed to the umpires list next season. He will be joined by Allan Jones, formerlyh with Sussex, Somerset, Middlesex and Glamorgan, and another Glamorgan player, Kevin Lyond, on a panel of 24.

is: H. D. Bird, D. L. Evans, B. J. Meyer, D. J. Constant, K. E. Palmer, D. R. Shepherd, A. G. T. Whitehead, All but Alan Whitehead vill be involved in the Texaco

Trophy series.

The England women's party. who leave for their Australian tour



Hampshire: England batsman Johannesburg

on December 3, will play a one-day John Hampshire, the former England, Yorkshire and Derbyshire batsman, is one of three first-class international under floodlights in Melbourne on January 31. The five international matches will be at Perth. Adelaide, Brisbane, Gosforth (NSW) and Bendigo. ROWING: Organizers of the 1985 ROWING: Organizers of the 1985 world championships in Belgium yesterday reported their 1,000th individual entry. Belgium, Britain. Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, East and West Germany, Italy. Poland, Norway, the Soviet Union and Switzerland are among the

a panel of 24.

Seven umpires have been appointed for the Test series, sponsored by Cornhill, against Australia, including David Shepherd for the first time. The full list BOXING: Eusebio Espinal, of the Dominican Republic, is confident of winning the vacant WBA junior bantamweight title in Bangkok today, he boxes Thailand's Khaosai

record of 20 wins in his 21 fights, 17 inside the distance. He is the No 1 SOUASH RACKETS: The world champion, Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, stretched his unbeaten run when he beat Australia's Ross Thorne to win the Swiss Masters tournament in Zurich on Monday.

> JUDO: Three Yugoslav inter-nationals have been suspended for defying their country's rigid ban on sporting links with South Africa and going there to compete under false names. Davor Vukorepa. Dragan Vukovic and Vojo Vujevic pro-voked a scandal earlier this month. when it emerged they had gone on from an event in Switzerland to

HOCKEY

RAF clear **Pappin** for Karachi

By Sydney Friskin Veryan Pappin, the Royal Air Force goalkeeper, who is in the Great Britain squad for the Champion's Trophy tournament, starting at Karachi on December 7. is out of the country on duty and will not attend the final training weekend, at Bisham Abbey, from Friday to Sunday, He has, however, been cleared by the RAF for the Karachi event and is expected to return to the United Kingdom at the end of this month.

Meanwhile two other experi-

Meanwhile, two other experi-Ashcroft, have been invited for training along with the remaining 15 members of the squad, making 17 altogether. The British team will play training matches against London Indians on Sunday moreing and Wales in the afternoon.

SQUAD (Engaland unless stated): I Taylor, J
Hurst, C Ashcroli (Wales), R Catrall (Wales), S
Marin (Northern Heland), D Craig, J Potter, D
Fauther, W McConnell (Northern Indand), K
Shaura, R Leman, S Kerly, N Hughes, J Duffee,
R Citt, J Shew, M Lewis (Wales).

Palmer for Burnley Geoff Palmer, of Wolverhampton Jahangir, who has not lost since April 1981, overcame Thorne, 9-0, Geoff Palmer, of Wolvernampton Wanderers, is to join Burnley for £5.000. Palmer, aged 33, was also wanted by Notis County's manager Richie Barker but decided to move to Turf Moor after being impressed with the set up. In his 14 years at Molineux, Palmer made 390 league прредланова

 Shrewsbury's Boxing Day home match against Wolverhampton Wanderers will kick off at 11 am on police advice to reduce the risk of

SNOOKER

Mountjoy completes emphatic victory

Doug Mountjoy moved into the second round of the Coral UK championship at Preston yesterday with a convincing 9-2 success over Mike Hallett of Grimsby. The 41-year-old Weishman took just over an hour to finish off Hallett after leading overnight 6-2.

Mountjoy's success which gives Mountjoy's success, which gives him a place in the last 16 and a match with Jimmy White, ended a dismal run in the competition. Since

winning the inaugural event six years ago, Mountjoy has won only two matches in the event. Willie Thorne also moved into the second round with a hard earned 9-7 win over John Parrott of Liverpool. Leading 5-3 overnight, 30-year-old Thorne stretched his advantage to 7-3 before Parrott found his touch

RESULTS: First round: R. Williams (Stourbridge) bt B. Werbenkuk (Can) 9-1 (Williams Brigt: 85-30, 101-16, 84-7, 111-1, 93-0, 64-40, 80-24, 45-89, 64-49, 74-45 J. White (Wirnbledon) bt J. Campbell (Aus) 9-7 (White Inst: 44-80, 80-81, 40-40, 68-50, 88-8, 57-62, 15-82, 1-93, 91-17, 4-77, 115-7, 87-28, 41-88, 70-38, 79-35, 81-11, W. Thorne (Leicester) bt J. Parrott (Liverpool) 9-7. Second session (rames: (Thorn Brist) 65-63, 74-32, 13-72, 20-



Big break for amateurs

Amateur snooker pinyers are hoping to make their big break into television after backing by Mecca, the bookmakers, Thames Television and Steve Davis, the world professional champion.

Davis, who competed a 9-1 win over Ireland's Tommy Murphy in the first round of the UK Open in Precion on Sanday returned to

Preston on Sunday, returned to home yesterday to help launch te Cockney Snooker Clasic.

The knockout tournament, barred to all registered professionals, is

expected to attrack thousands of entries with matches to be decided over a single frame.

The winner will beceive £1,000 and get the chance to play Davis. Victory is a one-frame match over the 27-year old would be worth a further \$1,000. further £1,000. Also on offer is a prize of £5,000 for the first break of 147. The series will be screened by Thames from the quarter-final stages in March with Davis acting as presenter and commentator.

THE 1985 WORLD DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

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RUGBY UNION: WHO BEAT THE WALLABIES? GOOD OLD SOSPAN FACH, THAT'S WHO

Pearce inspires heroic Llanelli

By Gerald Davies

Lianelli Australians. it was an heroic performance

by a Llanelli team shorn of some of their more prominent players, and suffering difficulties owing to injuries in their preparation, to beat Australia by a goal, a try and three penalties to a goal, a try and two penalties yesterday. The crowd, despite the conditions, were well into song by the end - "We beat the wallabies? Indeed good old Sospan Fach.

It was a rugged, vigorous performance in tune with the heavy conditions. The weather, crisp and sunny in the morning, turned to a steady drizzle by the afternoon. While both teams indicated early of their interest in playing some king of handling game, the conditions determined that it would be wiser to do otherwise. Quite naturally, it was Llanelli who came to terms with a story tactical plan. The Australians, failed to do so, and they looked forlornly hopeful that their handling would get them out of trouble. Instead, in the second half it increased their problems.

A penalty separated the sides at the end but between them Gravelle and Pearce missed six. The former had missed a kickable one within two min-utes before Black, from 25 metres, opened the score for the Australians. For a 10-minute period the visitors created overlaps galore and, looking as if they suffered from the British disease of failing to take Morgan brought the half-time coming round the front, charged the blind side of a scrum, scored advantage, they did eventually score to 9-3.

From a scrum, Hawker was missed out and Burke, with two others outside him, went over kicking which suited the murky for the touchdown which Black conditions. Their tails and converted. This was their most spirits were up and Griffiths prolific period even though and Cooper, particularly the Burke, in the second half, latter who had a splendid game, should have scored but was revelled in the close encounters. caught from behind by Ellis From one of his low diagonal when the score stood at 13-9 in kicks. Pearce established the the home team's favour. Pearc- position for a lincout in the enalty after a high tackle on



Victor and the vanquished: Pearce (left) whose try came from a slip by Hawker (right)

the interval, Pearce began to dominate the game with his corner from which Cooper,

Another penalty by Pearce took Lianelli into the lead. Even though Black kicked a penalty, the home side, with rampaging pack, were now driving their way home, A breakdown between Hawker and Burke enabled Pearce to hack on, leuan Evans continued it and in the chase for the line it was Pearce who got the touchdown. With the crowd willing it on, he converted from the touchline. A

SCORERS: LieneR; tries: Cooper.

conversion: Pearce; penalties: (3). Australia: tries: Burke, conversion: Black; penalties: Black (2).

LLANELLI: M Gravelle: E Elis, P
Morgan (capt), R Gravell, 1 Evans; G
Pearce, J Griffiths; A Buchanan, K
Townley, L Delancy, A Griffitha, R
Thomas, R Cornelius, J Cooper, M

AUSTRALIA: J Black: I Williams, M Burke, K Lene, R Hanley: M Hawker (capt), P Cox: S Pilacid, M McBain, G Burrow, B Calcraft, N Host, B Campball, C Roche, R Reynolds. REFERSE: F A Howard (England).

Bainbridge back for county game

Saturday evening and the only one he will be able to fit in before playing for the Northern Divison against the Australians at Waterloo

Middlesex, who entertain York-shire at Sudbury in one of the semi-

His place is taken by Williams, his club colleague, which is the only

Steve Bainbridge, the England lock whose dismissal during a club game in the first months of the season now appears as the start of a long and increasingly controversial chain of disciplinary events, will return to representative rugby on Saturday after serving a two-month suspension. He has been picked by Northumberland for their county championship game with kent which they must win to avoid relegation from the first division. The game will be at Gosforth, formerly Bainbridge's club before his removal to Fylde at the start of

all their second division championship matches so he is able to resume championship in 1981.

Oxford and Cambridge Universities play their annual matches against Major Stanley's IV and Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV respectplayer cligible for Lancashire, but ively this afternoon. Both the guest sides have undergone some adjustations with Northumberland. championship in 1981.

It will be his first game of any kind since his suspension ended last game at Grange Road with colleague, Leniban.

Hamstring and neck injuries respectively, and their places in Steele-Bodger's side go to Gordon (London Scottish) and Wilkinson

next Wednesday, Fylde, who are to play Wakefield at the weekend, lose not only Bainbridge but two more forwards to Lancashire and two to Cambridee remain without their captain, Bailey, and senior forward. Filison, but otherwise parade their strong hand of backs of whom Hastings, the Watsonian's full back, finals, will be without Cardus, the Wasps centre, who has tonsilitis. this term. Oxford have all four of their available Blues in the team to play Stanley's XV but there are and Joyce in the pack.

change from the side who best who missed Munster's game with the Australians last Saturday - and Lenihan, have withdrawn from the invitation side through injury, while Blakeney is unable to begin his comeback until next month.

SCHOOLS RESULTS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abbot Beyne 8, Lichfield Friary 22: Amold, Blackpool 0, flancester RGS 11: Barnerd Castis 0, Pockington, 11: Berkhamsted 3, Blaihops Stortford 4: Berkamy 4, Karl College, 16: Blooksam 10, Brombgrove 22; Bristol GS 13, Cillion 6: Browbourne 17, Enfault GS 9; Bryanston 0, Mariborough 14; Campion 36, Greaterie 3; Cantrol 28, Douel 6: Chellenham GS 30, Merting 4: Chesthurd 6, Hitchin 6: Christis Nospital 13, Hurstperpoint 6: Colston 9 18, Daurdsey 8 0; Crastrook 10, Dover 7; Crahleigh 19, Sevennolus 0, Denstone 20, Newcastis-under-Lyme 3; Dulwich 10, King's, Canterbury 8: Eastbourne 9, Brighton 12; Eltham 3, John Fisher 7.
Emanuel 14, Puricy 143 3: Epsom 41, St.

Bainbridge: first game

George Watson's 14, Edinburgh Academy 16; Glogleswick 6, Roesall 7; Glenelmond 9, Marchinton Casde 3; Gramesond GS 14, Dardord S3; Guilford RGS 40, Portsmouth GS 0; Gunnerstury 10, UCS 0; Heberdesthers' Aster's, Harbman 4, Crown Woods 0; Haydon 0, Verslam 58; High Wycombe RGS 10, Windor 10; Hipperholme GS 12; Loswich 10; Hymer's 10; Brazilord GS 12; Loswich 7, Perse 12; Kelly 20, OK s 13; King Edward VI, Southsurgston 25, 1 John's Bouthsea 4; King Edward VII, Lytham 25, Cowley 0.

King Edward's, Birningham 37, Wrekin 0;

Lytham 25, Contley 6.

King Edward's, Birmingham 37, Wrekin 0;
King Henry Vill, Coventry 0, Haberdashers
Asked, Eistree 16; King's, Bruton 20,
Edward's, Bath 10; King's, Grantham 0,
Nodingham HS 22; King's, Muccleafield 10,
Rydal 12; King's, Taureon 4, Blunden's 3;
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Langlay Park 10, 81, George's, Gravesend C,
Leeds GS 26, Newcastle RGS 12; Liandovery

8, Belmont Anbey 12; Lord Wandworth U, Reed's & Loretto 8, Fettres 4; Magdalen CS. Oxford 6, Royal Letin 9; Majdalen CS. 9 (1949) 68 (1949) 68 (1949) 68 (1949) 68 (1949) 68 (1949) 68 (1949) 68 (1949) 68 (1949) 69 (19

Edward VI. Southampton 28; St Joseph's, Ipswitch 28; Cuthord C. St Linwence, Ramsgate 15; Duke of York's. Dover 10; St Paul's 18; Marchard Taylor's 12; Skinners 7, Judd 28; Samford 22; Ring's Petarborough 3; Storryfurs 8; O E Watefield 4; Solimal 9, Loughborough 3; Stowe, 6, Cheltanhars 6.

Trinity, Croydon 12, St Joseph's Backheath 17: Taumon 5, Dorwalde 10; Tette 3, Reigate GS 23; Truro 4, Shebbear 20; Uppingham 3, Sedbent 20; Wellington HS 31, St Mary's, Sidoup 6; Wells Cathedral 3, Prior Park 7; Whoght I6, KGS, Whiteledon 8, Whiteledon 8, Whiteledon 9, Othy 9, Whoth 10, St George's, Wellington, Somerset 8, Old Wellingtonians 6, Worksop 6, St Peter's, York 18; Wellington, Scrier's Wellington, Scrier's 12.

SQUASH RACKETS: EMERGING TALENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Tremors in ranks of seniors

By Colin McQuillan

The stylish breakthrough by Nicky Spurgeon in the British under 23 championships, accompanied by the re-establishment of Jamie Hickox as the men's champion in the same Blue Stratos-sponsored event, will send tremors of trepidation through the senior ranks Miss Spurgeon successively removed two senior British cham-pions from the strong women's field

at Redwood Lodge, Bristol, In a fascinating five-set semi-final she rastriating inve-set semi-inial she ended the long home pre-eminence of the British champion, Lisa Opie, the world No 2. Then she comprehensively crushed the 1982 senior champion, Alison Cummings, in their three-game, 44 minute final. Both these vasily more experi-

enced and famously tough young women were driven from the court in desparing tears by the ficrce strenght and impressive racket skill of the 22-year-old from Surrey. Hickox possesses a flashing,

inventive playing technique that owes little to orthodox coaching and much to observent independent aslo from Surrey, can cut the best to pieces with a late flow of deadly

a riposte in kind at Bristol cutting and dropped his way back from 0-7 to 6-7 in the fourth game after an hour-long fading attritional attempt in the first three. Hickox allowed that much proximity, perhaps in acceptance of the imitative compliment, then summarily executed his frequent tournament companion with two shots of such deception that only those on court fully understood the consequences.

Australia is back in the world hunt

Munich (Reuter) – A new breed of young Australians is emerging to challenge Pakistan's traditional supremacy in squush. Heading it is Chris Dittmar, aged 20, who has risen in little more than 12 months from comparative obscurity to become the world's second-best

Dittmar, who recently knocked 2 pedestal, is one of four Australians in the world's top 10 and eight in the top 20. Although Pakistan's Jahangir Khan, unbeaten in more than three and a half years, still rules the roost, only two of his compatriots are in the top 20. It is a far cry from the days when Pakistanis packed the world rankings.

The ginger-haired, left-handed Dittmar believes that Australia is on the brink of even greater things with generation of youngsters eager to emulate the feats of Geoff Hunt, who retired two years ago after more than a decade of winning world championships and other major

Dittmar points out that Austra-lia's national junior squad recently beat Pakistan to take the world team title and six Australians reached the much to observent independent shot practice. When his court geometry is properly aligned, especially after enthusiastic opponts have flogged the first life out of the light this emitting 20 were old who is ball, this smiling 20-year-old, who is semi-final to the eventual winner. Ross Norman, of New Zealand. pieces with a late flow of deadly angles and nicks.

His friend Danny Lee attempted a riposte in kind at Reistal cutting a riposte in kind at Reistal cutting and the same and there are a lot of others coming through. We have a really good little group of youngsters."

Dittmar could almost be placed in that category himself. Last Decem-ber, when only 19, he surprised everyone by reaching the world open final, also in Munich, where he lost to Jahangir. "That week was like a dream. I couldn't believe what was

Since then Dittmar has moved steadily up the rankings with brilliant touch play which marks



Hunt: old master

him as one of the most exciting players in the world to watch, Strangely, but perhaps wisely, he is not now pursuing the next obvious goal - to take over from Jahangir as the world's No 1. "There are few blokes in the top 10 I haven't beaten regularly, so I

don't think I can say I'm the seconbest yet", he said. "I mean that honestly, I'm not being modest. I must prove I'm the No 2 and then I'll look further." It is Dittmar's misfortune that the

immaculate Jahangir is the same age as he and could conceivably atione to dominate squash for the next decade or more. But there signs that other players are getting closer to the Pakistani's standard. New Zealand's Stuart Davenport gave him a close run in the final of the world Masters tournament in Warrington earlier this month.

Direct and the other top Australians, Dean Williams, Ross Thorne and Greg Pollard, have their best chance of confirming Australia's growing ascendancy at next month's world championships when they take on Jahangir in his Pakistan stronghold. **OLYMPIC GAMES**

French go for both **Olympics**

Paris (Reuter) - The two French

Paris (Reuter) - The two French candidates for the 1992 summer and winter Olympic Games should mount a joint campaign, a French official said yesterday.

The savoy region has already applied to be considered for the winter games, and Paris is expected to announce its candidacy for the summer Olympics in the next few days. France wants to hold both Games

to mark the centenary of the speech the French baron, Pierre de Coubertin, which inspired the modern Olympic movement. Michel Barnier, president of the Savoy region's candidacy com-mittee, and a leading local politician, called for the joint campaign at a Paris press confer-ence. He was flanked by the Olympic ski champion, Jean-Claude

Killy, who was born in the Savoy region and is a vice-president of the candidacy committee. Killy won all three men's Olympic Alpine titles at the 1968 Olympics, the last time France staged the games. Apart from Savoy, in south-eastern France near the Italian border, other 1992 Winter Olympic Games candidates are Lillehammer

in Norway, Falun in Sweden, Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy and Berchtesgaden in West Germany. Mr Barnier said Savoy planned a would appeal to the private sector and be open to a sponsoring within the Olympic rules." The Savoy committee estimates building and transport costs at \$300m (£240m).

The French government has said it would support Savoy and Paris, though Paris woul be the priority. The state would cover 50 per cent of Paris's costs, to a total of \$200m. The French National Olympic Committee wil present Savoy's

proposal to the International Olympic Committee, which will decide on the site in September. 1986. I Savoy's candidature is accepted, the Games will be held from February I to 16, 1992

McNamee again

TENNIS

McNamara

to partner

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee, twice Wimbledon doubles champions, may be back in harness next year, possibly in time for the World Championship Tenus tournament at the Albert Hall from January 1 to 6. McNamara retired from the game in March 1983, because of seriously damaged knee figaments, but he changed his inind, underwent surgery last lanuary and has degedly struggled through a long and ardinous rehabilitation.

The field for the Albert Hall will probably include at least one Souddish pair. Anders Jarryd and Seedish pair. Anders Jarryd and Hass Simonsson were runners-up last year. It should be noted, though that in the past 12 months two other Swedish pairs have beaten the Wimbledon champions. Peter Fleming and John McEnroe, in grand slam championships (Jostom Nystrom and Mats Wilander in Australia and Jarryd and Steffan Edberg in the United States).

The WCT doubles will coincide with a new singles event, the Young Masters, to be sponsored by Belgian American Investments, a company

American Investments, a company players born in 1963 or later, the tournament will be players at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, from January 2 to 6. The idea is to establish an unofficial world championship for players

The 18 most highly ranked players in this age group will be eligible. The draw of 24 will be completed by invited players, at least one of whom will be British. least one of whom will be British. Players expected to take part include. Wilander, Nystrom, Edberg Henrik Sundstrom, Pat Cash, Aaron Krickstein, Libor Pimek, Henri Leconic and possibly Slobodan Zivojinovic, who won both his singles in Yugoslavia's Davis Cup tie against Britain at Eastbourne in Sentember.

An additional incentive for outstanding youngsters to make the trip to Birmingham is that the tournament will be an ideal preparation for the Grand Prix Masters, to be played in New York the following week. The New York fixture will be played in January for two more years, but will then be shifted to late November or early December thus serving as a more logical climax to the year's Grand

Prix circuit.

Another forthcoming change in the calendar of leading indoor tournaments is that next year the European Champions' Champion ship in Antwerp will be played a formight earlier, from October 28 to



McNamara: changed his

Miss Wood loses her way

By Lewine Mair

Shelicy Walpole may have looked her usual doleful self on court on the her usual doleful self on court on the second day of the LTA's £8,000 event at Peterborough yesterday, but, underneath, it seemed there were new ripples of confidence as, for a second successive day, she accomplished the difficult task of beating a promising British youngster ranked below her.

Belinda Borneo, aged 17, was her first vactim and Clare Wood, aged 16, from Sussex, her second. Miss Walpole's start against Miss Wood was horribly tentative but, after losing the first set 1-6, she began to wait for her opponent to make the mistakes and ultimately won 1-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Miss Walpole, who was 19 two

Miss Walpole, who was 19 two months ago, had no hesitation in describing 1984 as "my worst year ever." A win over Claudia Kohde-Kilish who is currently ranked eighth in the world, served to remind her that she could play a bit, but the effect of that result faded fast with a win-less run in the United States

States.

Last week Miss Walpole lost to Holly Danforth, a 15-year-old American. Today she plays Miss Danthorth's doubles partner Kirsten Dreyer, also aged, 15. It can hardly be an inviting prospect. The only other British survivors

in the last eight. Joanne Louis and Sally Reeves now meet each other. Miss Louis hit the ball hard and angled it well against Isabel le Crudo. a 20-year-old French girl who has many "surprise" shots at her disposal, but is not too well schooled in the art of keeping a rally going in times of real pressure. Miss Reeves, the only British player to take a point in the recent lunior Wightman Cup match won Junior Wightman Cup match won 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, against Ellinore Lightbody, of Wales. The English airl was her usual effective self but nothing impressed more than the

a player currently ranked comforta payer emetally inneed combin-ably ahead of Ser.

The march lasted close to three hours, and indeed, was at one time making so little headway that the tournament referee, Mrs Georgina Clark, who is worryingly short of courts and court-time at this venue. was put uncomfortably in mind of a recent game under her jurisdiction in the United States. Though only two sets, the encounter in question ran to a mind-boggling and much publicised six hours and 31 minutes.

way in which Miss Lightbody used her head to snatch the first set from

PESULTS: Second round; M van der Torre (Neth) in J Wood (Middleed) 6-3, 7-8; S Walpote (Surrey) bit C Wood (Sussed) 1-5, 6-0, 6-1; & Dinou (MC) bit M Prinieren (Caadi) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; P Hy (MA) bit K Mous (US) 8-0, 7-5; B Norton (US) bit M Darioth (US) 8-1, 7-5; J Larioth (Devon) bit I Crudo (Fr) 8-3, 2-5, 5-1; S Feeves (Kant) bit E Lightbooy (Walse) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, K Dreyer (US) bit C Lachner (WG) 6-2, 6-0.

India confirm their faith in the younger generation

chastened England team worked hard yesterday in the nets, three of the Under-25 XI who beat them on Monday by an innings

found themselves in a party of 14 India bave named for the first Test match. None of the three, Azharud-dio, Prabhakar and Sivaramakrish-nan, are expected to play when the series opens in Bombay on November 28 but they could win caps before the rubber ends. The Indian selectors, who chairman is Chandu Borde, the

chairman is Chandu Borde, the former all-rounder, are often accused in their own country of remaining faithful to established players too long England's defeat has been hailed by Indians as confirming the strength of the new generation of Indian players and the selectors have acknowledged this Sivaramakrishnan, the 18-year-Sivaramatrishnan, the 18-yearold leg-spinner who meamerized the
Englaidh batsmen in the second
innings in Ahmedabad, won his
only Test cap in West Indies 18
months ago. Azharuddin, who made
151 on Monday and Prabhakar, a
swing bowler who helped India win
the Asia Cup in Sharjah earlier this

year, have not yet played in a Test. Their inclusion at Bombay is seen as giving them a taste of big match Imosphere, Otherwise the Indian squad is as expected, with the medium-pace bowiers Madan Lal and B. S. Sandhu, the batsman, Ghulam Parkar and the all-rounder Roger Binny onmitted of those on the borderine of selection, Clearly the selectors are satisfied with Kapil

Dev's fimess. England have not yet seen the other opening bowler, Cheian Sharama, aged 18, who started his Test match career in Pakistan in October.
England will also note that India look likely to include three spinners, with the off-spinner Yadav and left-arm. Maninder Singh joining Shashtri. Maninder withdrew from the Under-25 XL reportedly with malaria, as did Chetan Sharma with

The daily Bombay-Rajkot flight was diverted to Ahmedabad at breakfast time to pick up the

stomach upset.



Moxon: England reunion

England Players, who were reunited with Mozon, who has returned from his father's funeral. Mozon later looked in good order during the afternoon nets in Rajkot, which were taken very seriously indeed, but understandably he has not been included in the side to meet West. Zone in the four-day match starting

England have chosen 10 of their probable Test side for what is the final fixture before the Test, Pocock being likely to come in for Marks.

Pocock is regarded as the main

attacking off-spinner but after the

Ahmedabad setback there is a natural leaning towards Marks's inclusion because of his superior batting.
There is little doubt that Englad's

dreadful performance 'against the Under-25 XI has been take to heart by Gower's players. Whether there were umpiring mistakes or not the fact remained that England let themselves down in terms of application and technique. Above all, England, must not become paranoid about Indian umpires as Keith Fletcher's side did three years Reith Fletcher's side did three years ago. It will, however, mean adjustments in approach and if they include not padding away the ball against spinners, for fear of being given out, caught by the close fieldsmen, there are many purists who would not mind.

Gavaskar has chosen to miss today's match and his Test opening partner Gackwad is resume an injured foot, but the Englans attack will be fully stretched again, with the Test players. Vengsarkar and Sandeep Patil having their first look at the touring team's attack Rajput and Pandit, who is also the wicketkeeper, are considered Test batsmen of the future.

Rajkot, which lies about a hundred miles inland from the Arabian Sea, is in the throes of trying to establish itself as a regu Indian cricket centre. A new pitch was laid two years ago and gave spin bowler's some extravagant help on the first day, and games there have been low-scoring ones since. West Zone's bowlers include Ashok Patel, the off-spinner, whose action caused comment at Jaipur, and Smil Gudge, who bowls leg-breaks at a faster pace than usual. Balwinder laster pace than usual, balwinder sandhu, who played in India's World Cup win at Lord's, and Kulkarni, who appeared for the President's team against Gower's side, will share the new ball

England's only previous visit to Rajkot was made by Jardine's 1933-34 MCC side. They beat the Western Indian States XI, who included R. J. O. Meyer, the Somerset all-rounder, who founded Millfield School, by four wickets in a three-day same for Toronto. a three-day game. Les Townsend, the Derbyshire all-rounder, who later emigrated to New Zealand and coached, took 10 wickets in the match. The MCC side in batting order 51 years ago next week was Mitchell, Bakewell, Nichols, Barnett, Townsend, B. H. Valentine, Langridge (Jas), J. H. Human, Verity, Ellion and Clark,

concerns the three-day fixture from December 7-9, which will not now take place in Poona. England have turned down a request to play it in Kolhapur and it will be held in the

Qasim's triumphant return

only 20 minutes vesterday to wrap up the first Test against New Zealand in a further demonstration of their impressive recent home

form.

The Pakistanis have demolished Australia and England at home in the past two years and today they took a decisive step towards vinning the three-Test series against

their ninth vicoury over the tourists, and Salim Malik and Javed

decision to recall him after an absence of 13 tests. Pakistan resumed at 153 for four, needing only a further 25 runs for

would be a mere formality.

A boundary by Salim (24 not out)
off Stirling provided the winning

Lahore (Reuter) - Pakistan took runs although Miandad's patient 48 many years, which did give us some not out proved the foundation of pride." not out proved the foundation of the Pakistani second innings. The match proved a triumph for the left-arm spinner, Iqbal Qasim, whose match aggresse of eight for 106 hilly vindicated the selectors'

> New Zealand's captain, Jeremy Coney, said later the defeat was a result of his team's lack of match practice and promised improved performances in the remaining two Tests, "Our performances in the field and our bowling were quite satisfactory but our batting was not good enough." Coney said. "We bowled Pakistan out to their lowest

first innings total on this ground for

Barnes: disrepute charges

pionship in a live television interview during which he was said to have sworn on several occasions." But Barnes said: "The odd 'bloody' is part and parcel of my

language, but I am fairly convinced

language, out a many convinces a did not do anything more than that. If those sort of words are regarded 25 severe swear words then we are going back into the Dark Ages."

It was alieged that Barnes' remarks at Mannings Heath were

beard by the sponsor, officials and members of the public. Barnes said: "Unfortunately what I said was heard by some spectators and one of

MEW ZEALAND, 157 (M D Crowe 55, I D 8 Smith 41, kobal 4 for 41, Mudassir Nazar 8 for I and 241 (J G Wright 65, kobal Casim 4 for 65, Abdul Casim 5 for 82. PAKUSTAN 221 (Motesin Khan 68, Zeiger Abdul Casim 64 for 57): Second Immings

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'Outspoken' Barnes is fined £1,500

Brian Barnes, the Ryder Cup player, has been fined a total of £1,500 by the Professional Colfers' Association for two breaches of discipline, the 39-year-old Scot with however, appeal against the £500 penalty imposed for comments he made on television during the Drybrough Scottish Professional Champiouship at Dalmaboy in

The other line, of £1,000 has been inflicted, "for alleged derogatory remarks about The PGA and its staff during the D and I Leisure Southern PGA Championship at Mannings Heath la September", the PGA and its a statement yesterday.

Bill Longmuir has also been discipline. He was fixed £500 for failing to resume his first round in the Southern PGA tournament following a breach because of bad weather. It was alleged that be left the course without informing tournament officials. He subsequently contractions to the course without informing tournament officials. He subsequently contractions to the course without informing tournament officials. quently sent a letter of explanation to the PGA and has 28 days to appeal against his fine. Barnes learned of his penalties

among the biggest ever levied in golf on his return from the King Hassan Trophy Tournament, which ended in Morocco on Sunday, and he was therefore not present at last week's PGA general committee hearing. Barnes said yesterday: "I realized that the fines were imminent and I shall write to the PGA about the Southern Championship because I think the penalty is a little sever. "As far as the Scottish Cham-

pionship is concerned, I shall be contesting that. They seem to think I was slauging the golf course and the organizers of the tournament, which I was not I said the pin positions were too severe consider-ing the dry conditions of the course." The PGA statement said: "Barnes criticized the preparation of the

heard by some specialors and one of the sponsors. I was not being derogatory about the particular tournament smoothly."

The Scot has been in trouble with officialdom in the past. He was fined £250- for putting one-handed in a tournament, but a £500 fine for comments he made about the Belfry course some years ago subsequently waived. Henry's year complete championship at Porters Park, with a par 70. Henry, who now has a handicap of one, subsequently earned selection for the England Wayne Henry, aged 15, was rewarded for his achievements this

trophy after the annual meeting of the foundation in London. Wayne, who is the nephew of Ron Henry, the former Tonenham and England footballer, first came to prominence in July, when he was 14, by leading the regional qualifying round of the Open

MILK CUP (Fourth Round)

Sunderland v Tottenham FA CUP, First round replays

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division

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Chelsea v Manchester City Norwich v Notts County

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year when he was named today as winner of the Golf Foundation award. The schoolboy from Red-bourn. Hertfordshire, received the

The foundation has doubled ire expenditure on coaching youngsters over the past two years, but still showed a profit of more than £4,000. Professionals were paid £71,000 to coach youngsters.

Brechin v Hamitton SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Surbon Coldfeld v Hadneslord. Southern division: Addistance v Gamoo'r Scrough. FA YOUTH CUP: First yound replay: Orient v Sutton United,

QOLA LEAGUE: Scarborough v Frickley

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BADMINTON ... England's tireless

campaigner

By Richard Eaton Gillian Gilks, with 18 juner-national seasons and 11 All-England titles behind ber, never tires of winning. At Bournemouth on Monday she and Karen Becking saved four match points just when England scemed to be slipping to defeat at 3-4 in the fifth of the \$15-.

match series against China. A few shuttles were not put on the floor as they might have been, but no one could quibble about the intensity of effort that inflicted a li-17, 15-13, 17-16 defeat upon Shi Wen and Ruan Xiaoqing. It was vindication for Mrs Beckman who had been dropped

earlier in the tour, and further

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encouragement for Mrs Gilks whose second win of the evening it was after she and Martin Dew had won 15-12, 11-15, 15-3 against Wang Yucping and Lao Yujin. England's top two singles players. Helen Troke and Nick Yates both won. Miss Troke, who has won on all three occasions that Brian Hooper who coaches her, has been

present, and lost on the other two

still looks emotionally fraple despite her 11-2, 6-11, 11-3 success over Shi Wen; Yates beat Li Mao 15-9, 15-11. 15-9, 15-11.

RESULTS: (England names first: \$ Baddeley lost to Zhang Okang, 10-15, 15-17; Mas H Troke to Shu Wen, 11-2, 6-11, 11-2; M Dew and Mas G Gliks bi Wang Yuaping and Mass Leo Yuan, 15-12, 11-15; IS-3, D Hast lose to Zhea Jianhua, 7-15, 15-10, 7-15; Mrs K Beckmanlost to Mass Chen Mintra, 6-11, 2-11, N Yasas bi Li Mao 15-9, 15-11; M Treagett and A Goode lost to Zhou Jincan and Zhang Chang, 15-9, 9-15, 12-15, Gilks and Beckman to Shi Wen and Ruan Xiaoqing, 16-17, 15-13, 17-16; Min K Chapman and Mass G Gowers to Mas Li Mas Li Mas Li Mintra Mas Chen Mintra 15-18, 15-17, 15-5; Dew and Baddeley lost to Zhou and Samhua 8-15, 13-17, Match score, England 5, China S Senes China lead England 2-1 (2 drawn).



Mrs Gilks: two wins

TOMORROWS FIXTURES

boy's team and also won the Peter McEvoy Trophy and the Golf Foundation Under-15 champion-

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (/ U: Aston Villa v Liverpool, Bernsley v Bitchturn, Everton v West Bromeich. Sheffield United v Hutdersfield. Secand division: Bolton v Scandhorpe, Doncacter v Burnley, Port Vale v Wigan.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge
University v London University (Fenner's, 2.0). RUGBY UNION

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: FIAF inter-command champion-ship (RAF West Drayton) National Trophy first round: Carvaland v McEvenn Tyneside (8.0). Sandwell Mail v Swindon Ragera (7.30), Tower Hamlets v Cernden (8.0).

Stenmark may quit

Val Senales, Italy (AP) - Ingenial Stenmark, of Sweden, who is training here for the forthcoming World Cup of Alpine Skiing. 52/5 1985 could be his last season. "I am going to take a final decision on the basis of results in the world championships in February," he said. The Swede, an Olympic champion, has wen the World Cup

promise made to his grandfather

large majority of boxing wers in Northern Ireland are convinced that Christmas will come convinced that Christmas will come a week early for Barry McGuigan, the British and European feather-weight champion, who puts both rites on the line at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Wednesday, December 19, against Clyde Ruan, of Slough. But the champion does not share that view. At a press conference yesterday in the Eastwood Evri-nasium, Belfast, McGuigan said: "Ruan has lost only two fights out of 23 and he has had his eyes on my title ever since he beat Paul Huggins last December. And don't forget one

last December, And don't forget one punch can swing a fight. Ask Frank Bruno or Errol Christic.

"There is no such thing as a certainty in this pame and Ruan will, I am sure, give it a real go. He reckons Charm Chitcale gave me something of a boxing lesson before I stopped him in the teath round earter this year. And I understand he has gone on record as saying he intends to do the same but get a

intends to up the same out get a different result.

He'll get his hance to prove his point on the nineteenth. I am really looking forward to this fight because it gives me the opportunity to get another notch on a Lonsdale Belt, and winning that belt rates second in my book to a world title. in my book to a world title.

"I promised my grandfather many years ago that I would win a Belt and I am to keep that promise. I started training the day after my last fight on October 13.

MP fights for Pearce

CYCLING

nartner Rene Pinen on the way to triumph in Paris

David Pearce, the British heavy-weight champion currently barred from boxing on medical grounds and in dispute the the British Boxing Board of Control over purse-money, has enlisted the aid of his merober of Parliament.

Roy Hughes, the Labour MP for Newport East, has written to the board complaining about the "unfair treatment" Pearce has received. He says that Pearce, whose last contest was in Limoges in March, when he lost a European title bout to Lucien Rodriguez on



This will be McGuigan's first defence of his British title which he won in the same arena in April last year, when he stopped Veraon

Pengrasa io two rounds.
Ruan woo the right to challenge
McGnigan when he defeated Par
Doherty on points over 12 rounds
in a final eliminator in Kensington last Jone when his Southern Area

The promotion is sponsored by Smirroff, whose involvement according to the promoter, Stepher Eastwood, has made it possible to stage the contest at the Ulster Hall whose capacity is limited to 1,500.

points, has still not received more than £7,000 of the £19,000 due to

Mr Hughes claims that the boxes is being kept out of action for "mysterious medical reasons" and that two Harley Street consultants say that he is now fit to box again

A board spokesman said that Peace has been subject to a series of neurological tests and that his fitness to box again, was to be reviewed. He said that the purse hard been paid, but other monies still had

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RACING: TENACIOUS ROWELL TAKES RIDING HONOURS WITH FONTWELL PARK DOUBLE

McGuigan will keep Fallen hero rises to do battle again Wayward Lad ready

Despite the dramatic early

departure of the local hero, Benny's Boy, in the Wally Coomes Chase and the fact that results certainly did not all go the way of backers, the crowd who flocked to Fontwell Park yesterday surely saw more than enough to send them home

happy.

The third-fence fall of Benny's Boy not only produced the
largest groan of the day from the horse's private army of supporters, who had expected nothing less than a minth course victory for the 11-year-old, but it made by far the most compulsive and heart-stopping

After nosediving at the obstacle and giving his younger rider, Chris Warren, no chance of staying in the saddle, Benny's Boy proceeded to career wildly up and down the course throughout the greater part of the race. Onleokers everywhere moved quickly into reverse as the horse veered first towards one section of the crowd and

Luckity, just as he was heading back towards the approaching field, the old warrior finally decided that discretion was the better part of valour and succumbed frantic arm-waving of Charlie Moore, his trainer. Having calmed his tattered nerves, Adrian Nolan, his devoted Irish owner, was delighted to report that Benny's Boy was quite unscathed and would re ready to do battle again at Newbury

on Saturday.

The race went to the market leader, Tom Tailor, who himself battled like a hero to hold the strong challenge of Master Nibble on the run-in. Roddy Armytage's seven-year-old, who was gaining his third win from three outings this season, will be kept to this level of competition for the foreseeable future, as his trainer described him frankly as no world beater"...

Armytage's outstanding novice of last season, Ardent Spy, will reappear at Newbury at the weekend under a big weight. "They think he's Arkle", the



Tom Tailor jumps clear of Master Nibble at Fontwell yesterday (Photo: Chris Cole)

spect, the worst thing he did was ground.

to beat Lettoch last season." The human hero - or should perhaps it be anti-hero, in view of the fact that he upset two heavily-backed favourites in Gold Of A Gunner and It's Tough - was Roger Rowell, who showed that at 36 he is still one of the most effective riders around.

Rowell won both divisions of the Greenwich Novices Hurdle. on War And Peace and Boyne Salmon, respectively. And in both cases it was sheer dogged strength and tenacity from the saddle that carried the day after his mounts had looked beaten

trainer said ruefully. "In retro- in the desperately testing The main event of the

afternoon, the E. Coomes Handicap Hurdle, saw a sparkling performance by Southernair, Peter Haynes's horse looked likely to be swallowed up by Hiz, whom John Francome brought with a smooth run to challenge at the second last hurdle. However, once Allen Webb asked Southernair for a little bit extra, his mount sprinted through the mud to win by an ever-increasing eight

lengths. Southerneir runs in the colours of Southern Air Ltd, a helicopter firm run by the wellknown racehorse owner Stanley Powell. Connections are now hoping that the sky will also be the limit for their latest high-

No surprises

WORCESTER

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COUNTRY CRCUB (M Painum) J Gifford 5-11-0

COUNTRY SPAAUK (Mar K Morgan) P PREMIARD 6-11-0

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GOLD WARELER (G Bourne) M Offers 4-11-0

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JON PPER (J Howard) B Morgan 8-11-0

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STOCKTON SLAVE (R Extractor) W Morris 6-10-8

1.45 HUNTERS HANDICAP CHASE (21,444: 2m) (13)

There were no surprise with-drawals among the market leaders at drawals among the market leaders at the four day stage for Saturdays £20,000 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury. The 16 declared runners are Burrough Hill Lad, Drumlargan, Everett, Gaye chance, Canny Danny, Sointulla Boy, Tracys Special, Lucky Vane, Shady Deal, Fortina's Express, Earls Brig, Phil The Fluter, Greenwood Lad, Kumbi, Acarine and Cobley Express.

to take firm step on road to Kempton

WAYWARD LAD, the best tree-mile chaser in the country on three-mile chaser in the country on his day, can start to restore his slightly tarnished reputation by winning the 210,000 Edward Haumer Memorial Chase (2.0) at Haydock Park this afternoon.

Unfortunately for his connexious and his many supporters, March 15, 1984 was not one of his days. Bartiel down to 64 farmerite for the Chellenham Cold Cop, Wayward Led falled to show his contourly sparkle and was alressly well bearing when pulled up before the second last.

list.

Wayward Lan's comment fallers to produce his best form at the children was that his principal target the season is likely to be at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, when he will attempt to become the first house to win the King George VI Chem three times.

That being the case, Monica Dickinson is likely to have the nine-year-old fighting fit and his recent Wincanton onling will have done him the power of good.

Until Wayward Lad, his main risks, A flament and See Lane, anally esserts that no been for Cheltenham and we may not see the best of either nutil later in the

best of either until later in the Scot Lane ran the race of his life

Scot Lane ran the race of his life to finish fourth to Barrough Hill. Lad in the Gott Cop and on that form has the beating of Wayward Lad, especially now that he reopposes on 21lb better terms, However, Martin Tate's good handicapper has not yet come to hand and third plane looks the best he can hope for here.

The overnight defection of Badsworth Boy, the champion two-mile chaser, means that Voice Of Progress is likely to start a warm

mile chaser, means that Voice Of Progress is likely to start a warm order for the Standard Life Haudicap. Chase (2.30).

But, David Nicholson's six-year-old was alightly disappoiting when a well-heaten third to Half Free in the Mackeson Gold Cup and preference is far the progressive BROKEN SPEECH, whose chance has been considerably assisted by a 7lb rise in the weights overnight.

INISHARRAN, an unincky loser when falling at Bangor 12 days ago,

when falling at Bangor 12 days ago, can belatedly get off the mark in the Billings Novices' Hurdle (3.30) while ONLY FOR LOVE can give David Nicholson something to smile

Mercy Rimed, Inisharran's trainer, attempts to win the race which commemorates her husband at Worcostar when she saddles. Gambling Abbot in the first division of the Fred Rimell Novices' Chase. (12.45) and Finid in the second division (3.15).

However, neither has strong raines and FLAV THE INAVE and TARTAN TRADER, both of whom have winning form over theses, look for more thely vinners. A more obvious contender from Mrs. Rimel's studie is Golden Friend in the Humber's Handian Chase (1.45), but be may find the concession of a stone to the much-improved SHLENT ECHO beyond him.

him.

The Worcester meeting also provides the day's best bet in SUTTON PRINCE, who represents the powerful team of Shatkh Ali Abe Khamsin, Fred Winter and Richard Linkey in the second divisits of the Oursean Novices' Hwdle (3.45).

Suffice Prince won two myces charm when trained by La Kennerd has a casen but has temporarily been switched back to the smaller obstacles by Winter and had no trouble apsetting the odds laid on Mount Bolus over today's distance of two and a half miles at Rempton Park 13 days ago.

Park 13 days ago.

Mount Bolus had wen by 15 lengths at the previous Kempton meeting and had beaten high-class hurdlers when fourth to Dawn Run at Liverpool last backend. Hypnosis, beaten 12 lengths in third to Satton Prince, has since won easily at

Bedtime tunes up for cup

Lord Halifax's four-year-old, Bedtime, Britain's entry for Sun-day's Japan Cup, is now out of quarantine and yesterday had a three-furlong workout with Welnor, the Italian Derby winner, at Tokyo's Fuchs recognized. Puchu racecourse,

A field of 16 from 10 countries
will compete for a first prize of
£252,000 and favourite for the event is one of the American entries, Majesty's Prince, winner of this year's Rothmans International.

2.15 AGA-RAYBURN HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,506: 2m) (10) AGA—RAYBURN MANDICAP HORDICE (23,500.211) (18,22.02 ARRESTEL KEY (CD) (R Gunner) Mrs J Pfinns 6-11-12. 3120110100-0 PATRICK'S FAIR (D) (W Satur) R Pescock 6-11-6. 60000-0 BSKOMANN (CD) (Wins J Warren) J Spearing 5-10-4. 102-02-0 DOBBORS CHOKE (D) E Everus 6-10-8. 111-030 TANCRED WALK (D) (K Malle) C Jackton 5-10-2. 111-030 TANCRED WALK (D) (K Malle) C Jackton 5-10-2. 10000-0 HORS HORDE (B) (E Lodge) J Perren 5-10-0. 10000-0 HORS HORDE (B) (E Lodge) J Perren 5-10-0. 100901- KROS TOWN (D) (J Groups) M Tata 7-10-0. 1009-11- REGISTOWN (D) (J Groups) M Tata 7-10-0. 12.45 FRED RIMELL MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (Div I:) \$2,185: 2m 4f) 1983: (2m st) Stan's Pride 5-10-12 R Grank (8-1) G H Price 5 run 11-4 Murchell Key, 4 Patrick's Fair, 11-2 Jupiter Express, Sone Jinks, 13-2 Tenored Walk, A son's Cholos, 10 Gen Road, 12 others. 2.45 SPORTSMANS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,505: 3m) (13) MINT STREAK (P Oliver) Mrs E Kermard 8-11-8 — PARMER (R Hawker) R Hawker 9-11-7 TENS OR BETTER (CD) (Acros Duchres of West 1888: Voice Of Progress 5-11-4 P Scutemore (4-7 fav) D Nichelson 12 ran 9-4 Play The Knave, 7-2 Wylord, 9-2 Issnemos, 6 Emmason, 10-1 Sambling Abbot, 12 Bye lopasi, Gendouge Lane, 16 others. By Mandarin 12.45 Play the Knave. 1.15 Jolly Mac. 1.45 Silent Echo. 2.15 Glen Road. 2.45 Dr Pepper. 3.15 Tartan Trader. 3.45 SUTTON PRINCE (nap). Dr Pepper, 7-2 Saffron's Daughter, 5 Dusky Fox, 13-2 Mint Street, 8 Shamrock Bridge, 10

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15-8 Terten Trader, 9-4 Country Agent, 7-2 Fame The Spur, 7-1 Crowscopper, 10-1 Squire Many, 20-1 Others.

3.45 DARSMAN NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £781: 2m 4f) (21)

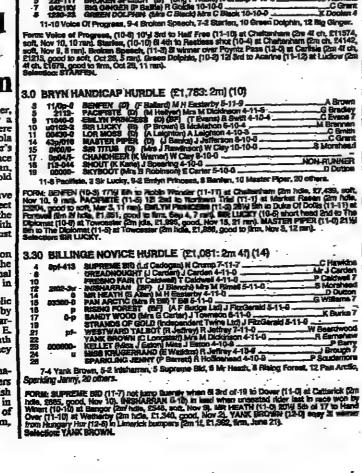
1982: Gathrim 4-10-7 Miss S Lawrence (9-4) N Geseise 7 ran
9-4 Sutton Prince, 11-4 Pacifies, 9-2 Madam ButterSy, 13-2 Bold Thoughts, 8 Palmerston, 12
Easter Night, 16 others.

HAYDOCK PARK **GOING:** good to soft 1.0 WEAVERHAM NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: \$1,331: 2m) (20 runners) ABJAD (R Collins) W Monts 11-0 BLYTHE (NYGHT (Negotiarins Buschens) E Carter 11-0 BRENT-WRIST (a) (Mrs S Foot F Glosen 11-0 CODPERS KING Light Cooper) & Baiding 11-0 CROWFOOT'S COUTURE (Douglas Crowloog 8 McMahon 11-0 (11 runners) GERYON (P Fahry) S Christian 11-0 GODS LAW (W Robson) A Smith 11-0 KARURA (R Gles) J Spearing 11-0 LAWHSYNDOO AVENDER (A Ke) O Nicholson 11-0 MAJESTIC LAO (PES Thatby) Lab M Lambert 11-6 MICKY FOX (Are A Beard) W Whatcot 11-0 STRATHEARN (A Budge) J Finderald 11-0 STRATHEARN (A Budge) J Finderald 11-0 DOLLY COLE (J Bell Mrs C Lloyd-Jorne 10-0 LIVERPOOL MAY (Eric R Former) R Hollmarked 10-0 LIVERPOOL MAY (Eric R Former) R Hollmarked 10-0 HAGISC (T CN) W Whatcot 10-0 HAMBER (BROYK (M CB)) Spearing 10-0 WORLING-PERR. (W Stablings) E Aston 10-9 WORLING-PERR. (W Stablings) E Aston 10-9 WORLING-PERR. (W Stablings) E Aston 10-9 HAMBER (BROYK (M CB)) ROTH 1983: Moisting aband 9-4 Stratiment, 11-4 Gods Law, 7-2 Shipherd's Hydro, & Lemiswood Averger, 19 May Lad, 12 Brenthurst, Abjed, 20 others. By Michael Seely 1.45 Silver Cliff. 2.15 Marshell Key. FORSE SHEPPERIDE HYMM (10-7) El 2nd of 18 to Newmarket Sausage (10-7) at Sudgefield inde, ESSS, son, Nov S), with GOOS LAW (10-7) 21 sway Srd, KARDEA (10-12) bed Srd of 11 1.15 OARSMAN NOVICE HURDLE (Dly 1: 2769: 2m 4f) (25) Haydock selections By Mandarin 1.0 Gods Law. 1.30 Only For Love. 2.0 Wayward Lad. 230 Broken Speech. 3.0 Sir Lucky. 3,30 Inisharran. # July Reg. S Winsor Bond, & Country Circus, 7 Hunter River, Gold Werbire, & Maujender, 12 Minimus, 14 Others.

| Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 STR LUCKY (nap). |
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| 1.30 VAUX BREWERIES NOVICE CHASE QUALIFIER (£1,861: 3m) (9) 2 80u/ing 4 1008-01 4 1008-01 5 0000p-1 5 0000p-1 6 82pp-01 AMOTHER WAGER (Fitchers for Chichens) R Februar 7-11-0 M Mesoper 4 AUCHENCRIESE (size S Smith) A Watson 9-11-0 D 0000p-1 8 0000p-1 9 00p-02 80 80000m 8000m (8 Berlow 7-11-0 D 0000p-1 9 00p-02 80 80000m 8000m (8 Berlow 7-11-0 D 0000p-1 10 2p-14tp KM73 8000 (8 Herithy) (8 Berlow 7-11-0 D 10 Doyle 4 10 2p-14tp KM73 8000 (8 Herithy) (8 Berlow 7-11-0 D 10 Doyle 4 10 2p-14tp KM73 8000 (8 Herithy) (8 Berlow 7-11-0 D 1 B KM73 8000 (8 Herithy) (8 Berlow 7-11-0 D 2 Cmty For Love, 5-2 Big Brown Boor, 3 Pain Cross, 6 Bitleman, 6 Rist A Mile, 10 Black Combe, Another Weger, 14 King's Brig, 20 Auxbencroive. |
| PORNIX CRILY FOR LCAVE (10-10) best Parish Riccord (10-10) by a distance at Hereford (Sm 11 ch, 21,341, soft, Nov 13, 13 rath, CRICCO BRIGGE BRIGGETS pulled up behind Drumstowney (11-11), series (10-10) 491, 4th to Busics (10-10) at Westweety, in which AUCHENCRUYE (10-12) has Sm ch, 21,821, good, Nov 2, 9 rath, PALM CROSS (10-0) best BRQ BROWN BEAR (11-0) by a head at Wolvestrampton (Sm ch, 21,325, good to firm, Oct 31, 14 rath). Selections KING'S BRIGG |
| 2.0 EDWARD HANNER MEMORIAL CHASE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (27,167: 3m) (5) 1 1121p-1 WAYWARD LAD (C.D) (Mrs 8 Thewle) Mrs M Dickerson 9-12-0 (1 ext R Estructus) |

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| , | the Tour de France, made ground | FORM: ONLY FOR LOVE (10-10) best Parish Rigged (10-10) by a distance at Hereford (3m 11 ch 21,241, soft, Nov 13, 13 ran). KRN3'8 BRIG (11-11) pulled up behind Drumadowney (11-11), we fee |
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| | place, two laps behind the winners. | |
| | They had been five laps adrift the | 20 EDWARD HANNER MEMORIAL CHASE (LIMITED HANDICAP) |
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| | advantage. | 5 65-3203 INPERIAL BLACK (D) (T Webster) N Crump 8-10-7C Hewkins |
| | FINAL PLACINGS: 1, F Moser and R Pinen | 4-6 Wayward Led, 11-4 A Kinsman, 6 Scot Lane, 6 Onspromise, 12 Imperial Flack. |
| • | (tr/North) 255 pts: 2. B Vallet and G Pank | |
| 1 | (Fr/Den) 185; One tap behind: S. D Clark and G. Wiggins (Aust) 311; 4, S Tourns and E de Wilde | Force Wayward Lad, (11-8) heat Remains Court (11-5) weeks at Waterson had your (11-12) |
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| 1 | 2.30 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,759: 2m 4f) (5) |
| | 2 1234-33 VOICE OF PROGRESS (2) (M Vestey) D Nicholson 6-11-7 P Scudencer 4 9144/34 STARFEN (BF) (F Ballerd) M H Easterby 6-10-3 Dutton 5 221-111 BROCKEN SPEIZH (D) (SR) F Nobie) N Chursp 3-10-0 C Heavisian 7 0421101 Big QNNQER (P Balle) R Golde 10-10-0 C Grant 5 1230-23 GREEN DOLPHON (Max C Bacc) MTC C Back 10-10-0 C Grant 11-10 Voice Of Progress, 9-4 Broken Speech, 7-2 Starten, 10 Green Dolphin, 12 Big Gingw. Form Voice of Progress, (10-8) 101/3 8rd to Half Free (11-15) at Chelterham (2m 4f ch. £11574, soft, Nov 10, 10 rant. Starten, (10-10) 61 4th to Restines struct (10-4) at Chelterham (2m ch. £11574, soft, Nov 10, 10 rant. Starten, (10-10) 61 4th to Restines struct (10-4) at Chelterham (2m ch. £11574, soft, Nov 9, 8 ran). Broken Speech, (11-3) 8 winner over Poyntz Pass (12-5) at Carlele (2m 4f ch. £1679, good to soft, Oct 25, 5 ran). Green Dolphin, (10-2) 12 3rd to Acarine (11-12) at Ludiow (2m 4f ch. £1679, good to nim., Oct 28, 11 ran). Selection: STARFEN. |
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Pessimism over betting trends proves unfounded

years ago concerning betting turnover trends have proved largely unfounded, according to the 23rd annual report of the Horsersee Betting Levy Board, which is Betting Levy Board, which is published today.

The-board had cash receipts of £20.4m for the year ending March 31, 1984 and expenditure amounted to £20.8m during the same period. After taking other factors into account, the board's balance fell from £3.57m to £2.74m.

Revenue from bookmakers and from £3.57m to £2.74m.

Revenue from bookmakers and the Horsernee Totalisator Board fell by more than £500,000 compared to 1983, but this downward trend was not as steep as had been predicted. The chairman of the Levy Board, Sir Ian Trethowan, commenting upon the report, said: "The gloomy and, as it turned out, unduly pessimistic forecasts of two years. ago have given way to more

which the promotion of constroc-tive dialogue between racing and bookmaking interests, continuing consideration of the Peat Marwick consideration of the Peat Marwick report, a detailed review of overail strategy and further representations to government about the evils of illegal betting will be our major priorities. Further evidence to support the view that previous forecasts were over-cautious was supplied when the Horserace Totalisator Board announced that their representations that their representations that their representations with the previous turnover had risen. their racecourse turnover had risen by 13.7 per cent from £18.5m to £21.1m, despite fibe loss of several major betting fixtures owing to SEVETE WERLDET.

Fontwell Park results ren. 194, 61, 81, 12, 151, R Armytage at East lastey. 10TE: 52.10; 21.40, 25.60, DF: 217.70, CSF: 217.58.

GONG: Seft

1.8 (2m 21 110yd chase) 1, IGNGS SINGER
(F Croucher, 7-2; 2, Pesspoos Prisce (F
Corrigon, 3-1 tart); 3, Rib Lare (IA Patriae; 14-1).

ALSO RAM: 6 Bird Stream (red., 7 Sock Demns
(Strt), 9 Poly Mejor (Rth), 11 Farranestig (pu),
16 Poor Son (f), 25 Midday Welcome, 8 ran.
26-112, 4, not recorded, 8 Forary at Tauriton.
TOTE: \$4.28, £1.70, £1.50, £2.20. DP. £4.50.

CSP: £15.12.

After 2 stawards Inquiry, the result stood.

Winner bought in for 1,150 gms. 1.30 (2n, 2l hde) 1, WAR AND PEACE (R Round, 5-1); 2, Gold Of A Gunner (K Burks, 7-1); 3, Mighty Steel (K Burks, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 9-4 % for Summore (Sth); 12 Best Hobbs (put, 16 Tinehue Angel (put, 33 Bold Pager, Expeditous, Majroon Leyis (put, Saccy Vulger, Warry (4th), Jin's Dersess (put, Royal Buskins (Sth; Shirkers Mass (put, 14 ran. fix, 7-1, 20, 2 %); 25; D W Mills of Headfield, TOTE, D.S.G. 11-20, 21-30, 21-50, DP, 25-60, CSP, 21-6-63.

3.0 (Sm 2l 110 yd chase) 1, YESLO KILLINEY (J. Francome, 4-7 fav); 2, First Award (N. Coleman, 14-1); 3, Kinggreen's Girl (R. Rowel, 14-1). ALS (FAN: 100-50 Bellyveragen (pu), 16 Haystocks Fiyer (pu), 25 Duke William (pu), 50 Reabok (N. Morniton Rill. 8 risn. 20, 3 ris. J. Jenicha at Epsom. TOTE: 21.40; 21.10, 22.10, 21.50. DF: (55.80. GSF; 23.01). 3.30 1, BOYNE SALMON (F. Rowell, 13-5); 2 2s Tough (R. Durwood) 5-13 fav); 3, Prince Felix (J. Akshussi, 33-11, ALSO RAIA: 25 Wordsi (Ath), 33 Finel Word (5th), Tara's Chieftain (8th), Farring Mattida (put, Uncombe (put, 8 ran. Sh Ind. 8, 20, not recorded, Mass L. Sower at Arestord, TOTE: 23.00; 21.10, 21.10, 25.10, DP. 21.70, CSP: 22.83, Piscapot 21.75. 2.9 (2m 21 119 yds chape) 1, TOM YALOR (A Webber, 7-4 tav); 2, Master Nibble (A Webb, 11-11; 3, Ropetol Answer (B Retty, 7-1), ALSO RAKE 3-2 Receiver (5th), 5 Berthy's Boy (2r), 13-2 Latin American (4th), 25 Downpayment, 7

optimistic reports about turnove trends.

We are now entering a period in

Tole profits, too, were up and totalled nearly £1m for the period ending March 31, 1984, compared with £174,085 the previous year.

Southwell

2.15 (2m hdie) 1. CUALITAER PRINCE (J. McLaughlin, 6-1); 2. Our Monnieur (Mr M. Boctey, 6-1); 3. La Levador (A Carrol, 5-1); ALSO PANE 4 fav Holly Buoy (4m), 8 Regal Express, 10 Cashed in (6th), 14 (disyth (pu), Tesisy, 16 Coprus Stey, Sharp Tor (pu), Show Bushness, 25 Isgottabeahight (5th), April 4, Neto (pu), Keap Seutzering, 14 Fan, 3, rx, 4, 81, 2 fs. M Ryan at Newmerket, TOTE: 210.00; 24.20, 23.70, £1.10, DP: 217.30, CSP: 252.84. Tricast: £240.89. Pincepot: £10.76. 2.30 (3m 21 hole) 1, SOUTHERNAR (A Webb, 9-4); 2 Hz. (J Francome, 2-1 tav); 3, Ster of Sorven (P Barton, 8-1), ALSO RAR: 11-2 Rebel (47th), 10 love (5th), 12 (bt) Link Express (pu), 14 Fortune Cookie (6th), Linton (pol), 25 British Crown, 9 ran. 6, 20, 7, 101, 6. P Raymes at Chichester. TOTE: 23.30; 21.20, 21.30, 22.10. DP: 22.30. CSP; 27.52.

> runners at three meetings on Saturday. She saddles Ryeman (Robert Earnshaw) for the Tennents (Robert Farranaw) for the Tennens Special Handicap Chase Prince Rowan (Graham Bradley) runs in the Limes Handicap Chase at Market Rasen, while Teenage Love (Jon Davies) and Midsummer Special (Mr Ronnie Beggan) run at Catterick.

Sedgefield

LI Chn d'Intel 1. CHATTY CHEZ (C Grant, 8-4 tav); 2, Fairmée Gambier (8 Kettewel, 8-1); 2. Art. Symphony (C McBiarick, 25-1). ALSO RAI: 7-4 Ab Debh. 6 Fast Current [pu], 12 Glenfield Dancer (I), 25 Blesteretta [pu], 7 ran. NR; Rebel's Fancy. 4L det, 15. Denye Smith at Behicp Auckland. TOTE: \$2.70; \$1.80, \$2.70. DF. 25.20, CSF. £11.08. 12.45 (2m 74yds, ch) 1. GOLDEN KNOLL (G. Charies-Jones 6-4); 2. Percipient (S Youlden 5-4 tay); 2. Mich's Rhmal (T Wooley 7-2). ALSO RAN: 33 Jester's Night (4th), 65 Dee Park, 5 ran. 41, nk, dist, 8. S. Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: 22.50; 21.20, 21.10. DF: 21.70. CSR: 23.65. 1.30 (2m chese) ?, VERLED CITY (B Storey, 100-30; 2, Victory Prize (C Grant, (100-30; 3, Saint-Nums (C Printott, 10-1), ALSO RARt 2 reverses (6th), 6 Tholema 5 Scoret (4th), 9 Starlight Lad (6th), 25 Carouser, 7 ran, NP: Hot Pretance, 5, 7, 294, 12, 94. F Storey at Carlisle, TUTE 55.70; 52.80, 22.20, DF: 55.60, CSP: \$14.38.

1.45 (3m 110-yde. ch) 1, LAST DEAL (R Earnschaw 1-4 fav), 2, Dicklis (R Strongs 10-1), 3, Personality Plus (R Crank 6-1), 10, dist. Mrs. A Dickinson at Hanswood. TOTE: £1.10, DP. £1.70, CSF. £2.58.

2.15 (2m 4! hole) 1, LITTLE HARRY IS Michell 4 tay; 2, Gaybells (PBlackburn 8-1); 3, Weelcoware (J Barlow 4-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Ugle Sentence (Brig, 7 Another Special (Mt) 25 Church Lad, 33 Rota Morgan (Sh), Satartiller, John's Serre, Kinsborna Lad, Pemella (p/u), 11 ran, 3, 8, 8, 1 1/1, 1 1/1, P Caher et Alpon TOTE 22.00, E1.40, 82.40, 8.230, DF: \$13.20, CSP, £13.05.

2.45 (2m 110)rd chase; 1, UPHAM RELLY (R Envisces, 10-1); 2, Walkers (J. K. Kinste, 5-4 bry; 5, Caesas Garden (S. J. Chall, 5-1); ALSO (RAI: 11-2 The Royal Comris (4th), 12 Fernishy (p.4), Smoker (f), Poor Hall (f), 14 Criciast Wood (f), 16 Super Grat (f), 25 Arctic Mariner (er), 33 Gonzo (6th), Ingelectone (pu), 12 ran, 10, 6, 4, 30, D. Gardotto at Wantage, TOTTE: 22.40; 23.10, 21.80, 21.40, DF: 27.16, CSF: 222.80.

Monica Dickinson will have

2.0 1, SUCCEPDED (Mr P J Dim, 3-1); 2, Hezy Glee (M Barnes, 5-4 tox); 3, Twifsight (C Hawdins, 11-2, ALSO RAN: 11-2 Twice Times (pu), 1 Cavity Hunter, Miss Wood (4th), 6 run, NR: farmigrated, 151, dist, dist, W A Stephenson at Bishop Aucidend, TOTE: 22.90; 22.10, 21.10, DP: 22.60, CSP: 27.61.

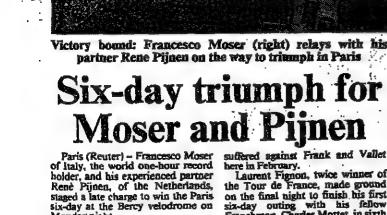
3.30 (2m hdle) 1. MELHAGEN (Mr T Easterby, 13-8 fav; 2. Gilde Chief (Mr E McMathor, 11-4; 3. Beliam (Mr T Reed, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Night Pearl (49), 10 Greens's Gem (6th), Juples Prince (pug. 14 Surshor (8th), 25 Gold Leme, The Ridings, 35 Flower Bruss (f), Harriago, Pampant, Soft Cardes Super Torry, Swelfman, Overson Consect (C Grey Larft, Pearl Soft, 18 res. 7, 3; 10, 5, 30, M H Ensemby at Great Hebton, TOTE, 23.50, 21.90, 22.00, 22.00, DP; 24.00, CSF; 27.38.

3.30 (2m holie) T, JOBRONE (A Brown, 4-5 lav); 2, On Leeve (Nr T Raid, 5-1); 3, Part-Ex (S Chairton, 16-1); ALSO RAN: 13-2 Humpsk House (f), 15-2 Absenst (eith), 9 Run in Tune (5th), 20 Sauscéic. 25 Amentatis (41); Valoroso. 9 ran. NR: Mount Ruie, 71, 25, 8, 5, 101. Mr H Easterby at Greet Hablen. TOTE: 1.80; 21-10, 51-20, 24-30. DF: 25.40. CSP: 25.84, Tricost: 231-53.

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of Denmark, in the last 40 minutes to win on points against the combination who took the first Paris six-day event, last February. Danny Clark and Gary Wiggins, of Australia, compiled the biggest points total but finished with two other pairs one lap behind the two leading squads and had to settle for third place. It was the 65th six-day

third place, It was the 65th six-day triumph for the 38-year-old Pijnen and the twelfth for Moser, who gained revenge for the defeat he and Dietrich Thurau, of West Germany,

SPEED SKATING

Inzeil, West Germany (Reuter) Sweeping changes to make speed-skating more popular, including the introduction of pursuit events, relays and new distances, were announced on Monday by the International Skating Union's technical commission. Ideas would be drawn up to present to the ISU's Congress in Denmark in 1986 along congress in Denmark in 1986 along with previously announced plans to start a World Cup series.

Thormod Mourn, of Norway, a member of the commission, said: "Our sport must leave behind the Middle Ages of its history and move into the modern age or it will soon be dead?" Among the recommendations are

man must cross the line in a bunch with the time of the third man being recorded, a 4x400 metres relay and new races over 300, 700 and 900 The commission also wants to

IN BRIEF Decker and Budd race

turned down The American Olympic runner The American Olympic runner, Mary Decker, whose hopes for a gold medal at the 1984 games were dashed by a collision with Zola Budd, has rejected a promoter's offer of \$400,000 for a match race against the barefoot South African, her coach Dick Brown, told

Newsweek.
"If Mary meets - or would have met - Zola in a regular track-meet race, fine." Brown said. "But the idea of meeting in a match race with all the attendent media hype just doesn't appeal."

● Earnonn Coghlan, who is 32 on Wednesday, will compete for the first time in the American national cross-country championship in Boston next Saturday.

Johnny Woods leads the resulting

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Johnny Woods leads the republic
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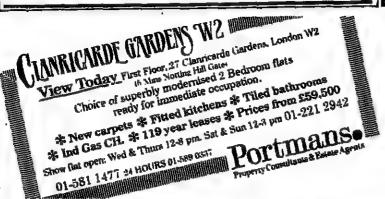
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The majority of residential properties in Westminster are mansion flats, which many people dismiss as a possible choice because they assume that the service charges are prohibitive. Karen Tasker at Hathaways admits that there are one or two blocks with service charges over £2,000 but says that most are fair and realistic.

At Buckingham Court, a block at the junction of Buckingham Gate and Petty France which was modernized two years ago, they are offering a one-bedroom flat with reception room, kitchen and bathroom for £52,000 (service charge about £700 including heating and hot water) and a two-bedroom flat with reception room and kitchen/b-reakfast room for £75,000 (£1,100 service charge).

Vandon Court in Petty France is a 1930s built block, where Hathaways have a studio flat at £28,950 (service charge £240 a quarter) and a one bedroom flat for £32,000 with a service charge of £1,322.

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Chelsea, bought in April 1983 for £165,000 and now valued (independently) at £300,000, which is let at

£525 a week. Four apartments in a Grosvenor Estate development in

Holbein Place, off Sloane Square,

which cost £150.000, are let only to

companies, at £400 a week, At Hyde

Park Towers, for which Hamptons

were the main selling agents when it was completed in 1979, they bought

a three-bedroom flat in August for

£237,000 which under the three-

month valuation is now worth £265,000, and which is to be let at

The most expensive of the fund's

properties is a house in Chesterfield

Hill. Mayfair, for which the rent is

£800 a week. Hamptons point out

that the return on the rentals is 4.5-7

per cent, but the capital appreciation

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Property Correspondent

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that the demand for high quality flats in the centre of London

remains high, both for buyers and

investors, comes from the interest-ing case of Number 22, Lees Place.

It is an attractive late Victorian

block tucked away between Grosve-

nor Square and Park Lane, in a

mews of varied architecture, looking on to Shepherd's Place. When Mark

Steinberg, of Marcol Developments,

bought it, Number 22 had seen better days, certainly more notori-

ous days since some of the rooms

He had the building renovated

with great care, with a spacious entrance hall overlooking a marble

paved patio garden which can be

seen from many of the flats. The conversion has provided 23 flats, six with one bedroom, reception room.

litchen and bathroom, and the remainder being studio rooms with separate, fully-fitted kitchens and

Each has independent central

heating, with a video entry system and uniformed porter on duty 24

hours. The development was to be

sold at £1.7m for the block as a whole, or individually, with the studio flats ranging from £49,000 to £73,000, and the one-bedroom apartments between £92,000 and

They attracted immediate interest through Savills and Keith Cardale

Groves who were marketing them,

and within days several had been reserved by both companies and individual businessmen as pied-a-

terres. One company intended to

knock two flats into one, ruining the

idea of the flats but proving their interest in the block and its location.

news that a Middle Eastern

businessman who had been im-

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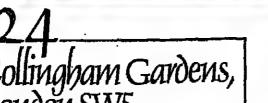
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Desside, Aberdeenshire, to move to the south of England. The property, Kirklands of Coull, is a listed former manse set in about six acres of grounds and paddock, has three reception rooms, six bedrooms and three bathrooms, with a large sun room and nursery. Savills Edinburgh office are asking for offers over £115,000.

Countess Tarnowska, a portrait photographer working under the name Bridget Astor, is also a writer, and has recently published her first children's book Darlington Dennis, a true story of a beach pony she rescued from a knackers's yard and which became a champion.

Frencham Court, Lower Bourne, Frencham Court, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey, a Queen Anne house set in over two acres, is for Sale through Weller Eggar's Farnham office, which is asking for cities around £200,000. Frencham Court is the original part of the main house in the Frencham Vale estate, which was split up five years ago. Ancient vicarage

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Embleton Tower, at the coastal village of Embleton in Northumberland, dates back to the carly fourteenth century, becoming a vicarage in 1332 and remaining in coclesiastical occupation for more than 600 years.

The stone-built country house with its ancient tower is thought to have been damaged when the Scots army laid waste to Embleton in 1385, because the sum of £2.6s 5d was spent in repairs, since then it has been steadily improved, the main part dating from 1828.

Since 1978 both ancient and modern wings have been restored, and the house, with six bedrooms and grounds of nearly seven acresis for sale through the Corbridge office of Smiths Gore, seeking offers around £79,000.

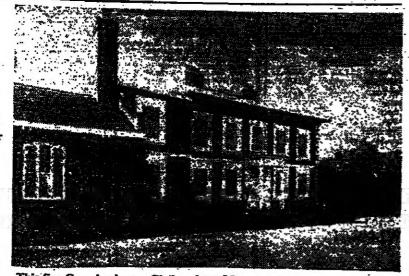
Millfield Cottage, a Grade II listed seventeenth century house in Millfield Lane, Highgate, in need of modernization, is on offer around 750,000 through Hampton and Sons, Hampstead office. The property once housed employees of the Society of Hampstead Aqueducts formed in 1683 by William Peterson, a founder of the Bank of England, to supply the City with water.

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This fine Georgian house, Gladsmuir, at Monken Hadley, Hadley Common, Herifordshire, overlooks Hadley Common on one side while its garden faces south towards London 12 miles away. The house has been carefully restored recently, particularly the panelling and cornices. Gladsmuir has a reception hall, three reception rooms, a panelled study, seven bedrooms and three bathrooms, with outbuildings including a two-bedroomed staff cattage and eight acres of gardens. It has literary connections, for W. H. Thackeray, grandfather of the novelist, and Mrs Emily Trollope (Anthony Trollope's sister) lived there, and more recently it was the home of Kingsley Amis and Elizabeth Jane Howard. Gladsmuir is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley, who are asking for offers above £1.2m.

Scared of being a landlord

An Englishman's home is his castle. still required. Yet, whereas it We all know that. But there is no accounted for 90 per cent of the most, literally or metaphorically, housing stock in 1913, it has fallen round it, as Sir Donald Tebbit, to below 10 per cent today. Nothing director general of the British Property Federation, pointed out in this year's Hamptons lecture orga-nized by the incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers.

Against the traditional notion that nobody can enter an Englishman's home without the invitation of the owner, he asserted that some 70 categories of officials had a statutory right of entry upon the property of a man's home for certain defined

purposes.
"These include VAT inspectors, Customs and Excise office, District Valuers, Rating Officers and even public utility officials and road engineers. That is by no means as bad as the terrifying knock of the secret police in some countries, but it is enough to make one think," he

It was an example of this theme in the lecture - Reality and Unreality in Real Estate - and he went on to argue that both the community and the Government failed to respect the intrinsic properties of property.

The private rented sector, he said, had been left to dwindle while the Conservative Party looked for votes from swelling the ranks of owneroccupiers and the Labour party hoped for the gratitude of those provided with municipal housing. "A healthy private rented sector is

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to below 10 per cent today. Nothing effective has been done to revive it."

Every housing act since 1913 has set out to alleviate a housing shortage but only succeeding in-making it worse. The housing acts achieved this by making the landlord's position more and more intolerable: now private landlords have become an endangered species.
"They have been so single minded in their determination to protect the tenant at the expense of the landlord, that they have dried up the supply of rented homes;" said Sir

In his controversial assessment, Sir Donald said: "The cause of the housing shortage is clear: fear of being a landlord. The remedy is also clear, to remove that fear," But political parties were not prepared to support the proposition that a free market in rented houses must

Yet it was the one mechanism which could in fairly short order ensure a plentiful supply of homes and the tenant's protection would be that he would always have a choice. "If the Government wants houses built for rent, it should not withdraw incentives offered for that purpose. If it wants landlords to remain in business, it should not deprive them of the true rental or sale value of their property," Sir Donald conclud-

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6.00 Ceetax AML 6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott, News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; port at 6.40 and 7.40: regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Mike Smith with the new

Yoga. Lesson sevan: the Lion and Jawlift (r). 9.10 The Yugoslav Way. The final programme in the series about Yugoslavia in 1976 (r). 9.40 Ceetax. 10.30 Play School presented by Liz Watts (r). Gharbar. A magazine

programme for Asian women. Shahean Nawab discusses with three successful women the mechanics of running profitable enterprise 2.30 Navre After Noon with Richard more and Frances Coverdale. The weather

prospects come from Michael Fish. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mis at One. Prue Leith continues her good looking cooking course and there is music from the Band of the Royal Marines. 1.45 Gra 1.50 Stop-Go! (r). 2.00

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Bezzard's Wonderful Woode Toys (r). A ASSA 4. 25 Film: Sky Glant* (1938) starring Joan Fontaine, Richard Dix and Chester Morris. Two airtine ollots via woman. Who will she choose?

Directed by Lew Landers, 3.48 Regional news (not London). 50 Play School, presented by Sheelagh Gilbey, 4.10 Bananaman, 4.15 Jackano Brian Cant reads part three of Handles, by Jan Mark, 4.30 Godzilla, 4.50 John Craven's

Newsroung.

Of The Box of Delights, Part one of a six-episode dramatizat of John Masefield's novel starring Devin Stanfield and Robert Stephens (Ceefax) (see

30 The Good Life. Comedy series starring Richard Briars and Felicity Kendall as the selfsufficients of Surbiton (r). 5.58

7,00 News with Nicholas Wichelf and Jeremy Paxman. 30 London Plus. 15 Pve Got a Secret, Barry Cryer,

Chris Kelly, Anneka Rice and Bettine Le Beau try to discover secrets held by guests who include Jess Conrad. D Sharon and Elsie, Comedy

series starring Brigit Forsyth and Janettie Beverley (r). O Dallas. As Bobby fights for his life in hospital evidence emerges that the killer might strike again - which may be bad news for J.R. (Ceefax). 5 Points of View. Barry Took kes another dip into the

BBC's postbeg. F AC-A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party. _6 News with Julia Somerville.

0 in At the Deep End. Paul Heiney enters the world of fashion design when he takes a course at St Martin's School of Art. He has to design a ball gown, a garden party dress and a town suit for top model Michelle Paradise to wear at a gala fashion show at the Guildhali (Ceefax) (see

Choice). Sportsnight. Highlights from one of tonight's Milk Cup football games plus a preview of the Sibson/Kaylor fight.

3 News headlines. = 5 We Got it Made. Americanmade comedy series.

TV-am 6.25 Good Morning Britain, nted by Nepetta Vewman and Nick Owen. ews with Gordon oneycombe at 6.30, 7.00. 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sp at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; star romance at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column from the United States at 8.34; actor Charles Tingwell remembers at 8.47; Roddy Lewellurs carping at 40. lewellyn's gardening advice

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9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: designing for mass production; 9.47 House design and energy conservation; 10.04 hemistry: thermometric titrations; 10.21 'Minder' and its audience: 10.48 The weather balance in contrasting river catchments; 11.10 A day in the life of a butcher; 11.22 Paddling in a model cance. 11.30 The suffragettes' cause.

12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy with a musical story about garden gnomes. 12.10 Our Backyard. Peter decides to tidy the tool shed. 12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the Second World War

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston, 1.30 A Country Practice, Medical drama set in the Australian

2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen, Grace Mulligan with mouthwatering suggestions for breakfast. 3.00 Take The High Road. Drama on the Scotlish highland estate of endarroch, 3.25 Thames ws headlines, 3.30 Sons

and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4,15 Wil Cwas Cwac. The first of a new series of cartoons about a naughty duck, 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. Adventures of two garden gnomes 4.45 Murphy's Mob. Serial about a football club 5.15 Blockbusters, Quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news with Andrew Gardner and Tina 6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with two-

and-a half year old Jessica who attends the Cheyne Hospital for Handicapped Children and is in desperate need of adoption.

7.00 Name That Tune. Fast moving musical quiz presented by Lionel Blat. 7.30 Coronation Street.

8.00 This is Your Life. Earnonn Andrews, armed with his big red book, emotionally hijacks another worthy. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. Music and comic

impersonations from the nted entertainen 9.00 Travelling Man. Lomax, with a positive clue to the whereabouts of his missing son, goes to a remote Welsh village where strangers are treated with hostility – especially when a child is

reported missing (Oracle).

10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative

10.05 News followed by Thames news headlines. 10.35 28 Up. The last documentary in the series devoted to a group of people who were the

subject of an earlier documentary, 21 years ago, when they were aged seven 12.05 Flectric Theatre Show, Arts. and cinema magazine

programme presented by John 12.35 Night Thoughts.

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Patrick Troughton: Box of Delights (BBC 1, 5.00 pm)

9.10 Daydene on Two: the latest technology in pressworlding. 9.36 Science: hearing. 10.00 You and me. 10.15 Maths: co-ordinates. 10.38 Maths:

language and Russians.

12.30 For parents of children with a

9.00 Ceefax.

BBC 2

probability. 11.00 mauso-probability. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 Preparing for a pantomime. 11.39 Tobacco and the money it makes for the Exchequer. 12.05 The Russian

mental handicap, 12.55 For learner drivers whose second

language is English, 1.21 French conversation, 1.38 The

power of water. 2.00 A visit to a sorting office, 2.18 A

avigational aids in modern

Lithuanian folk art of Antanes

final programme of the series about Japan and the legacy of

and Anastasia Tamosaitis, new resident in Canada (r).

3.20 The Shogun Inheritance, The

4.00 Film: Sealed Cargo* (1951) starring Dana Andrews, Ceria Balenda and Claude Rains.

The first showing on British television for this Second

World War drame about a fishing boat that assists a

presumably shelled by the German Navy, that Isn't what is seems. Directed by Alfred

5.25 News summary with subtitles

5.35 Fast Forward. Music and

cornedy for children.

6.00 The High Chaparral John Cannon's wife feels lonely.

Her husband seems

6.50 The Phil Silvers Show

Archives group.

preoccupied with the memory of his first wife and attending

to the marauding Apache (r).

Sergeant Bilko and his cohorts

buy a broken down jade they

think they can nurse into a

7.15 Ebony includes an exhibition

My Musia. Frank Mutr and

John Amis are challenged to a test of musical knowledge by

Denis Norden and Ian Wallace

Hamilton. Among the items in this month's edition of the

world of literature series is

Caryl Phillips interviewing James Baldwin.

wine merchant and his interior

designer wife comes to the aid of their triend Tory when her

Starring John Bird and Joanna

A Party Political Broadcast on

conversation course. Ends at

husband walks out on her.

9.45 The Fureys and Davey Arthur

10.15 Out of Court, Law and order

11.35 Buongiorno Italia! Lesson

eight of the Italian

magazine programme.

behalf of the Conservative

in concert (r).

Party.

10.50 Newsnight

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9.00 Oxbridge Blues. A successitul

ark, presented by lan

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5.30 Willo the Wisp (r).

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se farm, 2.40

ships (Cestax).

3.00 Spirits of an Amber Past.

 Despite its time slot, (BBC1, 5.00pm), there is nothing in Alan Seymour's adaptation of John Massfeld's THE BOX OF Masefield's THE BOX OF DELIGHTS that proclaims it to be a serial designed to respect the norm in children's television programming. Much cash has been spent on it, much care lavished on it and it is sinister enough, and charming enough, and well-cast enough, to appeal as much to the fasticlious grown-up as to the youngster. String the six episodes together and you have a full-length movie that could surround our charms with the same Christmes. cinemas with the same Christmas cinemas with the same Christinas queues that annually pour millions into the Disney coffers. It was a stroke of near-genius on the BBC's part so to organize things that the final episode of The Box of Delights should be screened on Christinas

Eve. I have very few reservations

CHANNEL 4

man who is accused of cheating at cards but is

(1937) starring Clive Brook and Ann Todd, Drama about a

reluctant to bring his standerer to court because it would

mean involving his mistress.

discussion, music and an

Nicholson. 4.30 Countdown, June Madell from

erday's winner.

5.00 Alice. It is the day before

interview, presented by Mavis

ksgiving and Mel buys,

sight unseen, eight turkeys for a bargain five dollars each. They turn out to be live, stolen

property - and free, when Beth lets them walk out the

5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. The wonderful Nancy Walker as Mrs Morgenstern makes an appearance when she arrives

at daughter Rhoda's with the Intention of burying the hatchet and bridging the generation gap.

condensation of The Eagle, the silent film starring Rudolph Valentino, made in 1925.

6.30 The Living Body. Part 10 of the series examining the inner workings of the human body

deals with the subject of

7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is taken by the

Conservative MP for

Hanley. 8.00 Scotland's Story. The 21st

Richmond and Barnes, Je

and the Scots covers the

part of the series on Scotland

period from 1888 to 1918 which saw the emergence of Scottish socialism under the

eadership of Keir Hardle.

Christopher Hird presents

commissioned by one of the

government's own departments which doubts the

visdom of a crucial tenat of Mrs Thatcher's economic policy. With Professor Frank Wilkinson of Cambridge

University's department of

9.00 The Mabinogi. Four tales from the masterpiece of Celtic

Rierature that blends folk tales

and myth with the stories of

kindoms. Filmed in the open-

specially commissioned short film by Chantal Akerman about

confusions and misunderstandings. Plus a

review of the film festivals organised in italy; Christopher

etit's views of the new film

Clint Eastwood's film

12.00 Closedown.

releases, exclusive clies from

Tightrope; and a tribute to film

istorian ivor Montagu who

air, setting of Caernafon Castle, introduced by Slan

than 50. 11.00 Visions. Family Business - a

of the report.

5.30 Diverse Reports, Reporter

unpublished evidence

7.00 Channel Four News.

6.00 Silents Please. A

2.30 Film: Action for Standar

4.00 A Plans 4. A mixture of

CHOICE about Paul Stone's production, and most of them are to do with the nated cartoon sequences. Except for a marvellous moment when Patrick Troughton's Punch and Judy Man steps out of the pariour and into a living picture of Swiss mountains, the cartoon work

struck me as crude and derivative FASHION DESIGNER (BBC1, 9.30pm), is this week's in at the Deep End adventure. It tells how the tiro Paul Heiney dips his toe into the exclusive waters of haute couture, recklessly dives in, and manages to keep his head above water despite the elegant whirtpdols that would suck down a lesser mortal. His basic training as a dress designer could not be more basic: first, draw

Radio 4

6.30 Today Inci 6.30, 7.30, 8.20 New 8.55, 7.55 Westher. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the day. 8.25 Yesterday in Partiament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

Wearer; Frave.
 9.00 News.
 Substitution of the studio guest including actress Diana Guide.
 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' questions.
 30 Manufacture 'Abreat the We

an egg. Having got a woman's head down on paper, Mr Heiney has just will adorn the rest of her at a posh

sizes, but you would be hard put to come up with a more spectacular one that tonight's, at the Royal Albert Hail (Radio 3, 7.55) as vast orchestral and choral forces (Radio 4, 9.45pm) examines the quicksilver talent of Alan Ayckbourn and has a powerful team of witnesses including Penelope Keith, Sir Peter Hall and Richard Briers.

On long wave, † denotes stared on VHF 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing; Weather, 6.25 Prayer for the day, The Archers 7.20 Checkpoint. Listeners' cases of unfair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook.
7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984, 'Minds,

Prains and Science "- sk talks by Professor John Searle. (3): Grandmother Knew Best, in Business. The 26th International Packaging Exhibition in Paris.

10.30 Morning story: 'Above the World' by Ramsey Campbel, Read by Sean Barrett. 10.45 Deily Service (NEM, page 42).† 11.00 News; Travel; A Dangerous
Talent: Richard Burton. Paul
Vaughan celebrates the actor's
career with friends, colleagues
and critics (first heard in
Kalaidoscope on Radio 4) (r). 1.48 Mighty Myths. Derek Robinson

challenges some beliefs we take for granted 7: A Night to Mis-Remember? News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs, 10 and fours consumer affairs.

12.27 No Place to Hide by Ted Albeury, Abridged in eight parts (7), 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News,
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party.

1.40 The Archers. 1.56 Shipping Expresset

News; Woman's Hour, includes an interview with Sir Charles Troughton, the retiring Chairman of the British Council, And Helen

Ryan reads part one of E. M. Forster's A Room with a View. S.80 The Afternoon Play: Echoes from the Abbey, by Shella Hodgson. With David March. Ghost story (adapted from M. R. James) about a pupil forced to stay at a school over the Christmas holidays. He hears night voices in the abbey ruins near by t 3.47 Time for Verse. A series of abs programmes (2) Nursery

4.00 News; File on 4: Incite After Indire.
Reports from Defin and the Indian states on the union's chances of holding together after the assessination of Mrs Gandhi (r).

4.40 Story Time: Let The People Sing by J. B. Priestiey. (13) Read by Enn Reitel. Final episode. 5.00 PM: News Megazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

Goldmark's overture Sakuntala Op 13 Faure's Plano Quartet No. in G minor Op 45 (with Jean-Philippe Collard, plano).† 9.00

Kaleidoscope: Alan Ayckbourn. Paul Allen examines the work of

Wales only). Radio 4 viri is as above except: \$.55.6.0am Weather, Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.56.3.00pm For School

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News,
7.05 Your Midweek Choise: Gotovac's
Kolo (Ero, der Schelm);
Beethoven' Rofresnoe in F Op 50
(Thibaud/Creaton); Costes's
suits From meadow to Mayfair;
Krommer's Partita in E Flat-Op
79.1 8.00 News,
8.05 Your Midweek Choice (contd):
Goldmark's overture Sakuntala

London gala and in front of a royal VIP. The result an object lesson for the fainthearted of this world.

 Best on radio: Handellan
 occasions come in all shapes and 10.35 combine for the ROYAL CONCERT in a programme that is Handel from top to bottom. . . . KALEIDOSCOPE

Peter Davalle

5.00 The Six O'Clock News: Financial 6.30 Top of the Form, Second Round.

EXCIPTION IN Paris.

8.45 Analysis: Paying the Piper. Other ways of financing the BBC.

9.30 A Tatent to Amuse. The life and Music of Noel Cowerd. (10) Noel on Travel. With Sheridan Morley.

8.45 Kaleksensens Alen Auffan

Paul Allen examines the work of this prollific playwright.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Some Do Nor' by Fred Madox Ford. Abridged in 15 parts (13), Riead by Hugh Burden, 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, Incl 11.00 News Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament, 12.00-12.15 News; Weather, 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

Schools, 5.50-5.55pm PM (continued), 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: A Yous La Francel 7: Bon appetiti 12.30-1.10em Schools right-time broadcasting: Economics (O-level) 12.30 Supply and Demand 5: Winning Out. 12.50 Your Money and Your Life: First Wage-Packet.

Radio 3

News.

9.05 The Week's Composer: Rimsky-Korsakov, Russian Easter Festival Overture; and The Rose and the Nightingale in the Silence

of the Night (Galina Vishnevsicsya, soprano, and Rostrophich, plano; Symphony No 2 (Antar),† 10.00 J C Bach and Ame: Bach's Sinfonia Concertante in A; Would You a Female Heart Inspire? (with Fluis Morrison sectors)

Ebile Morrison, soprano); and Ame's Symphony No 4. Schumann: Margaret Field (soprano) and Paul Hamburger (piano) perform Liederkrets, Op

11.15 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Jean Fourneti, Berlioz's overture Bestrice and Benedict d'indy's Istar; and Bizer's Symphony in C major.† 12.15 Concert Hall: Gainsborough Trio

5 Concert Halt Gainsborough Trio play Schubert's Trio (Sonata in one movement) in B flat, D28; and Beethoven's Trio in D Op 70 No 1 (Ghost).† 1.00 News.

Benny Goodman: (7) The Classical Musician. Works by inter ella, Copland and Mozart.

Matthee Musiciale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Lawrence), with Peter Noka and Helen Krtzos (two planos). MacCunn's overture The Land of the Mountain and the Flood; Millhead's Soaramouche; Fauré's Noctume (Shylock), Amold's Four Scottish Dances Op 59; Debussy's Lindaraja; Lalo's Aubade in G minor (Oivertissement); Britten's Scottish Ballad Op 26; 1 1.05 1.30

2.30 Scottish Season: Scottish Lieder 2.30 Scottish Season: Scottish Liader Flona Doble (soprano), Neil Mackle (tenor), Gilyn Davenport (baritone), Roger Vignoles (plano in Schubert and Loewe settings from Sir Weiter Scott and The Lady of the Lake.†

3.15 Scottish Season: Scottish Baroque Ensemble (under Friedman), Edward Harper's Fantasia II; Writiam Wordsworth's Elegy for Friede; and arranged Kenneth Elfioti, Old Scottish Dances.†

Dances.t

4.00 Choral Evensong: from the Chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford: a live transmission.† 4.55 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of

Jeremy Siepmann's selections.† 6.30 Debut: Mirlam Brickman (piano) Bebut: Mirlam Brickman (plano) plays works by Edward MecDowell (Including To the Sea; From a Wandering loaberg (Sea Pieces); Griffes's The White Peacock; Crumb's Dream Images (Makrokosmos, Vol 1); and Max Lifchitz's Elegia.†

7.00 Scottish Season; Trevor Royle's Magrificat. A dramatization of the thoughts and writing of James Kennaway. With Julian Glover as the writer. Cast also includes Gwyneth Guttirle, Isobel Gardnar.

the writer. Cest also includes
Gwyneth Guthrie, isobel Gardner
and Sandy Neiscon.†
7.55 The Royal Concert 1984: From
Royal Albert Hall, London, in
presence of the Queen and the
Duke of Edinburgh: Marking the
225th anniversary of Handel's
death. All the works are by
Handel. Soloists: Janet Baker,
Nicolal Gedda, John SharleyQuirk, with David Lumeden
forgant. Orchestres and choral (organ). Orchestras and choral groups conducted by Sir David Wilcocks, Lieut Col Beat, and Mercotith Davies. Part one includes the Coronation Arzhem Zadok the Priest and Concerto Greson in G Op 6 No 1.†

8.55 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

8.20 The Royal Concert: part two. includes excerpts from Messiah, and the Organ Concerto in D minor Op 7 No 4.1

10.25 Honneger: Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, with David Shostac (fluts) and Allan Vogel (cor

anglais) play the Concerto da camera. T 18.45 Ladies Lost and Found; Martin Jarvis reads part 6 of Terence Tiller's modern English verse version of Chaucer's The Book of

Fame.
11.10 Nigel Kennedy and Peter
Pettinger: Victin and plano recital
Beethoven's Sonata in A. Op 47
(Kreutzer); Serasata's Fantaisie
on Bizet's Carmen, Op 25.1
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

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News on the hour. (except 9.00pm Headlines 5.30em, 8.30, 7.30, 8.30
4.00em Colin Berry. † 5.30 Ray Moore.†
7.30 Terry Wogant including 8.31
Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Russell Harty.†
12.00pm Stave Jonest including 1.35
Sports Desk. 2.00 Gloria Humitord†
Including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30
Music All The Way! 4.00 David
Hamiltont including 4.02, 5.05 Sports
Desk. 6.00 John Dunnt including 6.02
Sports Desk. 8.45 Sport and Clessified
Results (mf only). 8.00 The Spinners and
Friends.† 8.30 Frank Checksfield and his
orchestra.† 9.15 Listen to the Band with
Charlie Chester.† 9.55 Sports Desk.
10.00 The Golden Years, with Alan
Keith, 10.30 Hubert Gragg says Thanks
for the Memory. 11.00 Brean Matthew
presents Round@Minight (stareo from
midnight). 1.00em Bill Rennells presents
Nightride.† 3.00 Broadway Babes 12:
Chits Rivers.† 3.30-4.00 Joan Savage
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Radio 1

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'Picking' returns to stricken coalfield

By Craig Seton

Coal "picking" - one of the most recognizable symptoms of hardship in a mining commu-mity - has returned to the British coalfields on a scale not witnessed since the 1926 General Strike and the mass unemployment of the 1930s.

Thousands of striking miners and, sometimes, their wives
and children, are daily scavenging for poor quality waste coal
on slag or "spoil" heaps,
particularly in communities
where pits have been idle for the nast nine months.

Equipped with picks, shovels, sieves and carts to carry away their hard-won prize, they work knee-deep in the dirty waste in the hunt for the small black nuggets that will keep their home fires burning.
Miners who have refused for

nine months to return to work have lost their concessionary coal entitlement - up to nine tonnes a year - from the Coal Board and as many of their homes are still heated by solid fuels, the number of pickers is increasing dramatically with the onset of winter.

There is evidence now that many unemployed people in hard-pressed mining communities have joined them.

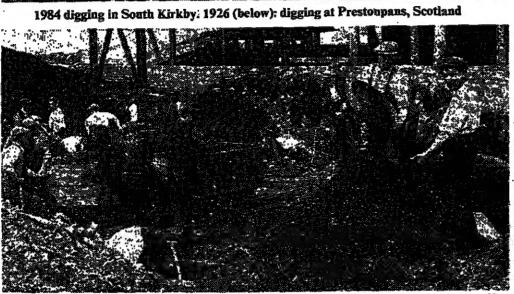
Miners regard "picking" as a traditional right during hard times and the Coal Board claims to turn a blind eye from those who scavenge on its waste tips, even though they are regarded as trespassing and stealing. But, prosecutions and, usually dismissal follows when pickers invade mounds of washed coal stocks waiting for paying customers and reports suggest that there might be a flourishing black market in the proceeds from such raids.

For some, the price of picking is even higher. Two Doncaster brothers - the sons of an unemployed former miner

- died on Sunday when a
railway embankment collapsed and buried them alive as they dug late an exposed coal seam.

The two boys, together with a striking miner's son, who escaped with a broken leg, were picking coal for sale to pensioners to raise pocket money. There have now been five "picking" deaths in Yorkshire since the strike began and in the North-east a striking miner died when an exposed coal outcrop he was working on a beach collapsed.





Hopes of £50 fall in Atlantic air fares

Both actions arose from allegations that BA and several other Atlantic airlines conspired to drive Laker out of business by charging predatory fares contrary to the US anti-

The allegations have been strongly contested by the airlines, and the British Government has consistently argued that fares authorized by both governments under the Bermuda 2 bilateral aviation agreement could not be illegal if the agreement had any meaning. It accused the US of meaning its domestic lawn into international trade: the vexed question of "extra-terri-torially" also encountered in the controversy over the Rus-sian gas pipeline orders.

London to New York winter eturn fares of £259 - some £40 below the current lowest - were banned by Mr Ridley in October when the US refused to give assurances that the fares would not be vulnerable to anti-trust action in the US courts. British Airways then tried to introduce the low fare for a limited period as a special Christmas bargain offer, but were again turned down by Mr Ridley last week.

H a new agreement is put

US talks, it is understood the airlines are hoping to introduce an even bigger cut than £40

 Mr Reagan's decision to end the Justice Department probe was regarded as an important victory for British OYEL diplomacy Government bureaucracy and

US consumer groups, which complained bitterly about the decision (Bailey Morris writes). Mr Howard Metzenbaum, a spokesman for an umbrella group of organizations representing US air travellers, said the decision in the final analysis could result in higher ticket prices, and was another example of government inter-ference which hampered free

competition among airlines. Justice Department sources said yesterday the Grand Jury completing its investigation and that department attorneys had planned to seek indictments in the case before the White House and State Department

The word from the White House, at the highest level, was that the Reagan Adminis-tration did not want a fight over the issue with the Thatcher

190 Poles defect from cruise ship in Hamburg Mr Myszewski said that for

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while their applications are considered. Warsaw appears to turn a

blind eye to this haemorrhage. and frequently solicits large bribes in return for permission to board ferries to the West Hamburg harbour authorities said no efforts were made by the Stefan Batory crew to stop passengers leaving the ship.

The defection is unlikely to cause much strain in relations. with Warsaw.

• REASONS FOR GOING: The Stefan Batory defectors are, for the most part, working men and women who felt they had no economic future (AFP

The majority say they want to go to the United States. Canada or Australia. Almost all are aged under 40 and there are

"I had applied for a passport six years ago" Mr Jan Myszew-ki, an electrician from Warsaw, said. "When I finally got it last month, I immediately bought a ticket for the cheapest cruise available to take me to the West

his week's cruise, he had paid 107.000 zlotys, the equivalent of \$850 (£670) at the official rate or \$180 on the black market. He scraped up the money although his monthly salary was only 18,000 zlotys. "In Poland you can work 24

hours a day and it's still not enough to make a decent living. Mr Roman Peplinski to make a decent another electrician, from Gdansk, said. He left his wife and seven-month-old daughter behind and hopes they will be able to join him later. Many defectors spoke with

feeling about the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest, by Polish security police. But they said the decision to leave had been economic rather than political. On arrival, defectors with families in West Germany contacted them. Others went to

Roman Catholic missions. One of these was particularly crowded, the Raphaelswerk, a church emigration assistance office. "There were at least 50 of us there", Mr Peplinski, who wants to go to Toronto, said. Bonn blazes trail, page 10 Letter from Melbourne

Bumping around in search of charisma

'What we really need", confessed a seasoned aide accompanying Mr Andrew Peacock as the Australian Opposition Leader's excessively long election trail wound through the early-morning stink of Sydney fish markets,

"is a bumper-sticker concept". Having decided at an early stage that calling the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, "a little crook", across the floor of the federal parliament, was counter-productive remark. Mr Peacock has studiously avoided personality insult at the hustings, but it has left him little to say that con-



veniently could be encapsulated on a car bumper.

The election is really about Mr Hawke's management of the economy, and not even the Liberal/National opposition can deny the substantial short-term improvement. Mr Peacock, unable to produce any instant vision of a new Australia from his back pocket is reduced to suiping chiefly at the Labour government's plans for capital-gains tax and death duties. With Mr Hawke's landslide

reelection being forecast by all polls, and with an electorate more concerned with how to recover from the recent thrashing by the visiting West Indies, the boredom factor is in full play.

Mr Peacock recently suffered the indignity of flying to

Tasmania for a radio phone-in to which no one phoned: A few days later, a Sydney rally had to be abandoned at the last minute when nobody turned up. Mr Peacock went walkabout twice yesterday, accompanied at all times by his heavily-built

campaign manager, Reg Withers, whom everyone calls The Toecutter and with whom nobodyargues.
The Leader of the Opposition does not kiss babies, nor do women kiss him, despite his good looks and distingui-

shedly greying hair above a constant puckish grin. But he is very fond of clapping total strangers round the shoulder, smiling broadly, and saying "Good on yer, mate". He does not attract vast crowds, be tries to elevate his pleasant and easy manner

to the level of charisma, but does not quite succeed.

At a local radio station interview with his second wife Margaret, who has the look of a lady with ambitions; the discussion was mainly on his desire to run a radio station, and how his wife cuts his bair. Their choice of music was Stevie Wonder's "An Ordinary Day", which it clearly

was.

Asked by an interviewer what he thought Mr Hawke's Achilles heel was, Mr Peacock firmly refused to say, except to complain at the dearth of philosophical political discussion nowadays.
At a conference of Aus.

tralia's lively ethnic press which covers those of alrios every origin except the British Mr Peacock almost became controversial by suggesting that the Hawke government's immigration policy, which seemed to favour every race except the British was letting in large numbers of Central and South Americans who could well be terrorists. But there he stopped, admitting is was only hearsay. Whereupon the Peacock

Parties at dissolution

House of Representatives Labour

Labour Liberal Democrats National independent

Figures in brackets are the

I-11 and sped to their home patch of Melbourne, where Mrs Peacock had agreed to perform the most exciting event of the day, giving blood to persuade more women to The nation is in the grip of a

scare over the death of three babies who had received transfusions from presumed homosexual blood donors infected with Aids. Health authorities are trying to trace another 1,000 suspect bottles.

It was a public spirited gesture by Mrs Peacock, but the party managers still cannot quite see it as a car-bumper Alan Hamilton

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend The Royal Concert, Royal Albert Hall, 7.45. The Duke of Edinburgh attends a reception for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Buckingham Palace, 11.30 to 12.30 and 4 to 5.

and 4 to 5.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen
Mother visits the HQ of SSAFA,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1, 11.45;
and later opens the Student Centre and the Physiology Laboratories at

ACROSS

Board wanted (7). 5 Rate increased -

French (8).

1 Like unpolluted water River

port needs help (7).

9 Fleet Street's written about spouse with 2 (5).

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charge mad (9).

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12 Borders on row - started by

14 Search for what is left in the fire

perhaps (5).

15 Meeting points where business is

18 Delay when one is dismissed,

perhaps (5.4).
20 Men providing protection for members (5).

24 Blamed after editor's move for disorderly scene (6).
26 Plan for putting on weight (9).
27 Expression of agreement from 6,

perhaps (5).
28 Read one novel in school (7).

on socialist occasion (7).

by sentries (9).

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(6.3).

29 Centre of revolutionary activity

1 Old man's weapons demanded

2 Gradually decrease two types of

spin (4.3).
3 Final defeat as pub runs dry?

4 Sin, as it happens, overthrown

St Mary's Hospital Medical School, 2.30.

projects at Pill, Morgan, Woodstock Pools, Bettws, Newport and Gwent, arrives Newport Station, 10; and later presents awards at Gwent County Council headquarters, Crocsycriliog, Gwent, 11.35; and then, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, visits the St David's Foundation Day Centre, Cambrian House, St John's Rd, Newport, 2.25. The Princess of Wales visits the Abbeyfield Society House, 7 Bryn Hyfryd Rd, Newport, 1.30. Princess Anne visits the Dia-

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ney player (5). 23 A number about in the crowd

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home (5).

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22 Fanny without part in play's 25 Director, of course, is hard rehearsal (8).

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Riders, Carshalton, Surrey, 11; and attends meeting at the Naval and then attends the film premiers of A Private Function, Odeon, Haymar-ket, 7.45; followed by a reception at Maxim's, 9.50. Princess Alice, Duchess of

Gloucester, opens the Sixth Form Centre at the Dame Alice Harper chool, Bedford, 11,40. The Duke of Gloucester holds a reception and investiture of Knights and Dames at St James's Palace, London, 10.45; and later chairs the international conference of Farm Building, Royal Society of Arts, London, 12.50. In the evening he attends a reception on the Golden Age of Angle-Saxon Art exhibition, British Museum, 12.50.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent Princess Anne visits the Dia-mond Centre for Handicapped

attend a reception at the Imperial attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum, 6.55.

The Duchess of Kent visits the Royal British Legion's home, Haisry House, Cromer, 11.15; and later attends the Norfolk County Conference, 2.25.

Exhibition in progress Silver Palette Art, Derby Mu-seum and Art Gallery, Strand, Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Dec 22).

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra; Caird Hall, City Sq. Concert by the Scottish Chamber

Orcherstra, Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, 7.45. Invertiess, 7.45.

Concert by the University
Orchestra, Concert Hall, Glasgow University, 7.30.

Concert by the Edinburgh Academy Choral Society: Queen's Hall Edinburgh, 7.45.

Concert by the English String Orchestra, St. David's Hall Cardiff, 7.20.

Organ recital by Colin Andrews; Colston Hall, Colston St. Bristol, 7.30.

Talks lectures Canals of the Midlands, by Dr Langford; Large Lecture Theatre, Physics Poynting Building, Birmingam University, 11.

David Jones: Artist and Poet by Jane Vickers, Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon

order? (7).

8 To object thus is almost excessively prim (5).

13 Forces fellows to provide Type, 12.30.
Staffordshire Wares and Wedgwood; by John Cushion; Usher Gallery, Lindum Rd, Lincoln, 7.30. maintenance (10).

16 Lear's aged relative? Obviously not (9).

17. Friml's show-girls (4,5).

19. Silk that's fashionable, in a word The Romans of Yorkshire, by Philip Abramson; Graves Art Gallery, Surrey St Sheffield, 12.30. (7). 21 Music for leaderless of group not up to it (7).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Civil Aviation Bill second reading, Lords (2.30): Debate on work of

Student discounts

Discount cards costing £2.90 and giving students cut-price travel on National Express and Scottish citylink coaches are now available at all main post offices in England. Scotland and Wales, They save the holder up to 33 per cent on any relevant coach journey. The document must be signed by a tutor and presented at a post office with one passport sized photograph. To qualify someone must be at least 17 in England and Wales, at least 16 in Scotland and be in full-time

New books - hardbacks

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: Crare, Proce and Poetry, edited by J. C. Levenson (Cambridge, £17.50)
Flying Visits, by Circ James (Cape, 28.95)
How to Shoot an Ameteur Naturalist, by Gerald Durrell (Collins, 28.95)
The Buildings of Scotland, Edinburgh, by John Gifford, Colin McWilliam, and David Walker (Penguin, £14.95)
The Henry Morn's Collection, edited by Harry Rée (Cambridge, £15)
The House of Mittord, by Johathan Guinness, with Catherine Guinness (Hutchinson, £12.95)

obite Clans of the Great Glen, 1650-1784, by Bruce Lemman (Methuen,

nce, Biology and the Literary Imagination 1860-1900, by Peter Morton The Vital Science, Diology and the Country Innoverse (Whitaker, 211.95)
Whitaker's Almanack 1985, edited by Richard Blake (Whitaker, 211.95)
Women in England, 1870-1950, Sexual Divisions and Social Change, by Jans Lewis
(Wheatsheaf, 218.95, paperback 25.95)

Roads

Wales and West: M4: One lane only operating between junctions 21 and 22 (Aust Services to Chepstow) on Severn Bridge westbound, 24 hrs. The Midlands: A45: Temporary signals between Cambridge and St Neots, near Caldecot. A43: Bypass construction between Northampton and Kettering at Broughton, Northants. M6: Contraflow between junction 10A (M54) and 11 (Cannock); Hilton Park Services

closed: exits at junction 11 closed. Closed, exits at Junction 11 closed.

The North: A69: Roadworks at
Gateshead western bypass; lane
restrictions, Tyne and Wear. A5805:
Near Waterloo Park, Preston on Blackpool Rd, a new bridge is being built. Al: Contraflow along Morpeth bypass at Fairmoor Bridge.

Scotland: A9: Roundabout construction at Alness; single lane traffic with temp lights; 24hr. A86: panic with temp ngms, 24m. Acc.
Reconstruction north of A889
junction at Laggan Bridge; single
lane with lights; 24hrs.
Information supplied by the AA.

Rail fares

British Rail's cheap 'inter-city saver fares will be available over the Christmas period except for Christmas day and Boxing day, when service is suspended. Typical examples are: London to Bitming-base 11/618 examples are: London to Bitmingexamples are: London to Bitming-ham £1 I (£15 on Fridays) against a normal return of £25; London to Manchester £17 (£22 on Fri) against £41.50; London to Glasgow £31 (£38 on Fri) against £67; and London to Exeter £17.50 (£22.50 on Fri) against £36. Details from local British Rail stations.

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The papers

The Daily Mirror, commenting on Mr Peter Walker's speech yesterday on unemployment in Britain, says: "It was a brave speech. But will there be any brave action to

The Daily Express says. "There should be no question of Yasser Arafat being allowed to visit

of Britain's special stamp issues, Royal Mail Special Stamps 1984, is now on sale. It is available at philatelic counters and most main post offices at a cost of £14.95. Christmas stamps

A combined yearbook and album

post offices

Stamp yearbook

A cut-price stamp book to help people save on the cost of their Christmas postage is now on sale at Anniversaries

Births: Voltaire, Paris, 1694; René

Magritte, Surrealist painter, Les-simes, Belgium, 1898. Deaths: Henry Purcell, composer London, 1695; James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd', Yarrow, 1835; James Barry Hertzog, prime minister of South Africa 1924-39, Pretoria, 1942: Sir Chandrasekhara Raman, physicist, Nobel laureate 1930, Bangladesh, India, 1970.

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Weather forecast A complex low pressure area

will cover the British Isles.

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NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods developing, further rain later; wind variable becoming Slight or moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

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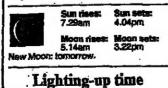
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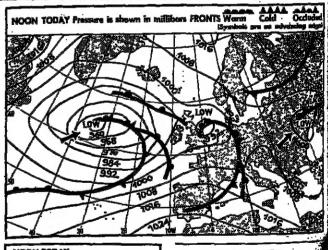
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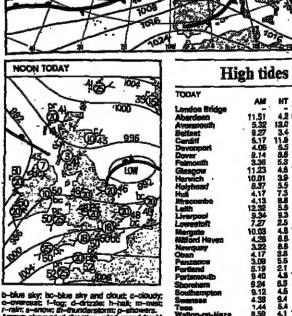
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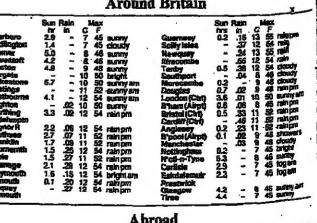
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